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Lamont's emergency powers expected to expire



House Speaker Matt Ritter, of Hartford, and Republican leader Vincent Candelora, of North Branford, say they can codify the governor's executive orders or extend his emergency powers — but not both. Here, they confer in June in the Hall of the House in Hartford. **MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT**

Lawmakers anticipate allowing measure to end while also crafting language to preserve more than $50 million in federal funding for state needs

By Christopher Keating
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — The state legislature is expected to allow Gov. Ned Lamont's emergency powers to expire next month, but is also crafting language to preserve more than $50 million in all-important federal funding that the state needs, lawmakers said Monday.

House Speaker Matt Ritter said that he agrees with House Republican leader Vincent Candelora that the legislature could either codify Lamont's 11 remaining executive orders into law or extend his emergency powers — but not both.

"The governor is saying to us that he doesn't need the same emergency powers he has had in the past — as long as you codify these things," Ritter said in an interview. "I don't think it makes a lot of sense to codify and then say you get your same powers back."

The legislature would likely vote to codify the executive orders for only 30 to 60 days because the fast-changing virus could change the public health landscape again.

"No one knows what's going to happen" in the future, Ritter said. "There could be other concerns that arise."

The House Democratic caucus was scheduled to meet Monday night to discuss the issue, and no votes are expected until the 2022 regular session starts on Feb. 9. Lamont's emergency powers are currently scheduled to end on Feb. 15. All Republican legislators and some Democrats have been strongly opposed to extending Lamont's powers for a seventh time as the first six extensions have covered nearly two years since the virus began spreading in Connecticut in March 2020.

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Iszac Henig was a member of Yale's Ivy League champion 200 free and 200 individual medley relays as a freshman and finished third in the 100 free in the Ivy League championships his sophomore year. **COURTESY**

'I'm just here to go fast and have a good time'

Yale transgender swimmer Henig wants to focus on maintaining positive energy on the team

By Lori Riley
Hartford Courant

Yale swimmer Iszac Henig knew at 14 that he identified as a boy. He told his mother that he wanted to be her son instead of her daughter, but he wasn't ready to make that commitment at such a young age.

Last year during the COVID-19 pandemic, classes were remote at Yale and the swimming season was canceled. Henig decided to take a year off from school and work at home in Menlo Park, California.

Henig, now 21, had a lot of time to think about his transition. At the beginning of last year, he decided to come out as a transgender male. He returned to school in 2021 for his junior year with the support of his Yale women's teammates, coaches and the university.

"For me, as for everyone, the pandemic was sort of something that stopped time and accelerated it," he said. "It meant that I had a lot of hours at home. I took a year off from school, I was working a couple different jobs, but I was also spending a lot of time doing some pretty deep introspection and trying to reconnect with a part of myself that I didn't sort of always feel connected to. That ended up with me coming out at the beginning of 2021, first to family, then to close friends, extended family. My team.

"With that process for me it was a lot of something about the way I'm living my life wasn't working and identifying what that was. Making the switch that needed to happen has allowed me to live a much more authentic, happy, fulfilling life already, and it's been less than a year."

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Coventry standoff concludes peacefully

Homes evacuated, school locked down due to a barricaded suspect

By Christine Dempsey
Hartford Courant

A standoff in Coventry that caused police to shut down the area, evacuate homes and put a school in lockdown ended peacefully Monday afternoon.

The incident started early Monday morning when state police attempted to serve an arrest warrant, police said.

According to local police, the state police let them know they were serving an arrest warrant at an address on South Street at 8 a.m. A Coventry officer headed that way and when he arrived saw that something had gone wrong, said Kevin Roberto, executive assistant to the Coventry chief.

As he pulled up, troopers were "running for cover and taking up positions," Roberto said. The officer blocked off the road to keep cars from passing the house, and the state police called their SWAT team.

Police evacuated neighbors from their homes; others who live farther away were told in a reverse 911 message to stay put, or shelter in place. A warm shelter was provided for those who had to leave their houses.

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A Coventry town official turns back a bus trying to drive its route down South Street because of a barricaded man in a standoff with state police on South Street. **MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT**

US puts 8,500 troops on heightened alert

Decision speeds up potential move of forces to Europe

By Robert Burns and Lorne Cook
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — At President Joe Biden's direction, the Pentagon is putting about 8,500 U.S.-based troops on heightened alert for potential deployment to Europe to reassure allies amid rising fears of a possible Russian military move on Ukraine.

Pentagon press secretary John Kirby said Monday no final decisions had been made on deployments, which he said would happen only if the NATO alliance decides to activate a rapid-response force "or if other situations develop" in connection with tensions over Russia's military buildup along Ukraine's borders.

"What this is about is reassurance to our NATO allies," Kirby said, adding that no troops are intended for deployment to Ukraine itself.

Kirby said Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin recommended to Biden that about 8,500 troops be ordered to prepare for potential deployment to Europe in light of signs that Russian President Vladimir Putin is not de-escalating his military pressure on Ukraine. Kirby said he was not prepared to identify the U.S.-based units because they were still being notified.

"We've always said we would reinforce our allies on the eastern flank, and those conversations and discussions have certainly been part of what our national security officials have been discussing with their counterparts now for several weeks," said White House press secretary Jen Psaki.

Later Monday, Biden held a video call with several European leaders on the Russian military buildup and potential responses to an invasion, the White House said.

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Officials warn of price gouging, bogus COVID tests sold

Scammers are taking advantage of the heavy demand for COVID-19 test kits, U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal and Connecticut Attorney General William Tong said Monday. **Connecticut, Page 1**

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Kirby said Austin was anticipating the potential for NATO to activate what it calls the NATO Response Force, a multinational force totaling about 40,000 troops. Most of the 8,500 U.S. troops being put on higher alert would be sent as part of that response force, if it's activated, Kirby said. He added that he could not rule out that U.S. troops already based in Europe could be shifted east as further reinforcements.

As an example of the effect of Austin's order to make U.S.-based units more prepared for deployment, Kirby said that those currently required to be ready to move on 10-days notice will be required to be ready on five-days notice.

The Pentagon's move comes as tensions have soared between Russia and the West over concerns that Moscow is planning to invade Ukraine, with NATO outlining potential troop and ship deployments, Britain saying it would withdraw some diplomats from Kyiv, and Ireland denouncing upcoming Russian war games off its coast.

Prior to the U.S. announcement, the Western alliance's statement summed up moves already described by member countries, but restating them under the NATO banner appeared aimed at showing resolve.

The West is ramping up its rhetoric in the information war that has accompanied the Ukraine standoff.



Volunteer members of Ukraine's Territorial Defense Forces, part of the nation's military reserve, participate in a training exercise Saturday in a Kyiv park amid escalating concerns over a possible Russian invasion.
EFREM LUKATSKY/AP

Russia has massed an estimated 100,000 troops near Ukraine's border, demanding that NATO promise it will never allow Ukraine to join and that other actions, such as stationing alliance troops in former Soviet bloc countries, be curtailed. Some of these, like any pledge to permanently bar Ukraine, are nonstarters for NATO — creating a deadlock that many fear can only end in war.

Russia denies it is planning an invasion, and says the Western accusations are merely a cover for NATO's own planned provocations. Recent days have seen high-stakes diplomacy that failed to reach any breakthrough and maneuvering on both sides.

NATO said Monday it is bolstering its "deterrence" in the Baltic Sea region. Denmark is sending a frigate and deploying F-16 warplanes to Lithuania; Spain is sending four fighter jets to Bulgaria and three ships to the Black Sea to join NATO naval forces; and France stands ready to send troops to Romania. The Netherlands also plans to send two F-35 fighter aircraft to Bulgaria.

NATO will "take all necessary measures to protect and defend all allies," Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said. "We will always respond to any deterioration of our security environment, including through strengthening our collective defense."

In Moscow, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said it was NATO and the U.S. who were behind the escalating tensions, not Russia.

"All this is happening not because of what we, Russia, are doing. This is happening because of what NATO, the U.S. are doing," Peskov told reporters.

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken held talks with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov on Friday and said the U.S. would give Russia written responses to Moscow's proposals this week, offering some hope that any invasion could be delayed for at least a few more days.

Russia has already invaded Ukraine once, annexing the Crimean Peninsula in 2014. It also supports pro-Russian Ukrainian separatists fighting the Kyiv government in the eastern Donbass region. About 14,000 people have been killed in the conflict.

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But Paul Mounds Jr., Lamont's chief of staff, said that Lamont never asked for his emergency powers to be extended. Instead, he only asked for the state's public health and civil preparedness emergencies to be extended.

"The governor didn't ask them to extend his powers," Mounds said. "We didn't say the declared emergency has to have orders in which the governor has attributed to it."

Some lawmakers said they did not clearly understand Lamont's six-page letter on Friday night, and some officials said the issue of the executive orders and public health emergency had been misconstrued.

If the pandemic gets worse, lawmakers could always vote once again in the coming months — such as in May or June — to reinstate Lamont's powers if the state faces a sudden emergency with another variant or other problem, Ritter said.

A critical point for Ritter, who represents Hartford, is that Connecticut cannot afford to lose $32.6 million in federal funding for food stamps, along with $20 million more from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, known as FEMA. Lamont had originally said that he needed an extension of the emergencies to preserve the federal funding, but now Ritter and Candelora both say that the legislature could declare the emergency — rather than Lamont.

"I would never, ever, ever — no matter how politically unpopular it was to continue his emergency powers, which I don't think is that unpopular, by the way — sacrifice $32 million in SNAP benefits for some of the poorest residents in the state of Connecticut," Ritter said. "I would take the heat — as much as you want to put on me. It would be an absurdity to not try to avail yourself of that funding because of political purposes."

For eligible households, the average additional supplement would be nearly $155 per month.

"Because we are continuing the emergency rules, if the legislature adopts this broad umbrella of emergency with executive orders, our understanding over the weekend is they do believe the funding would continue," Ritter said. "What you can't do is declare an emergency for the sole purpose of getting this funding. The feds don't want that. But there is language that we can adopt that is acknowledging that we're in some sort of a state of emergency."

Candelora and other Republicans had been pushing that point months ago, saying that Connecticut could still receive the funding. He said that the federal agriculture department says "you don't need a governor's emergency declaration to do it. We can legislate it."

Candelora also opposes Lamont's original proposal for codifying the executive orders and extending the emergency orders at the same time.

"The legislature and the public are growing weary of more of the same," Candelora said. "Why would we go through the exercise of codifying anything if the governor can just change it, anyway? ... Republicans have always been concerned about this continued delegation of authority to the governor. The governor is trying to eat his cake and save it for later at the same time. I don't know how you do both."

Senate Republican leader Kevin Kelly of Stratford said Lamont's powers should not be extended for the seventh time. Even though the session starts Feb. 9, he believes there is still time to hold public hearings to get feedback from the general public.

"We've got 22 months of experience under our belt," Kelly said. "I think we could have public hearings. The state of Connecticut would be better for it. The legislature can do this in two weeks. It's absolutely doable."

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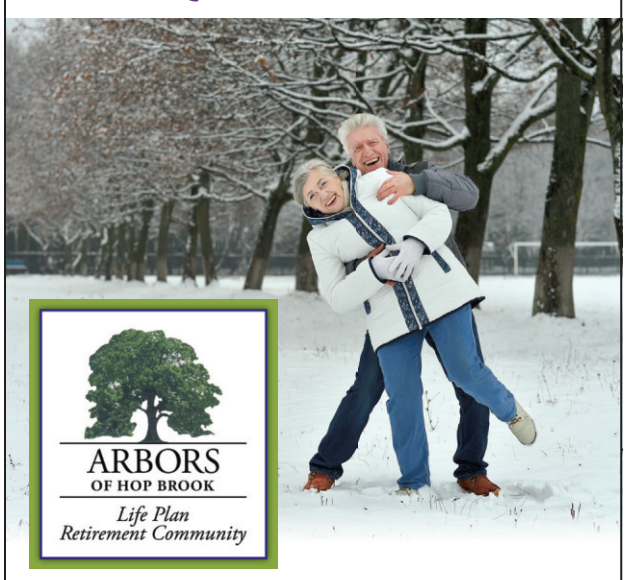
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In Lebanon, trash is truly treasured

Financial crisis has people fighting over refuse they can sell

By Lujain Jo
Associated Press



Hoda searches in a dumpster for scrap to sell in order to survive in Beirut, Lebanon. Amid the country's financial crisis, trash is a commodity. **LUJAIN JO/AP**

BEIRUT — In the dark streets of a Beirut now often without electricity, sometimes the only light that shines is from headlamps worn by scavengers searching through garbage for scrap to sell.

Even trash has become a commodity fought over in Lebanon, mired in one of the world's worst financial crises in modern history.

With the ranks of scavengers growing among the desperately poor, some tag trash cans with graffiti to mark their territory and beat those who encroach on it. Meanwhile, even better-off families sell their own recyclables because it can get them U.S. dollars rather than the country's collapsing currency.

That's left the poor even poorer and fearful for their futures.

"There's a lot of poor people like me," said Hoda, a 57-year-old Lebanese mother who has been reduced to scavenging. "But people don't know it. They know what they see, but not what's hidden."

The fight for garbage shows the rapid descent of life in Beirut, once known for its entrepreneurial spirit, freewheeling banking sector and vibrant nightlife. Instead of civil war causing the chaos, the disaster over the past two years was caused by the corruption and mismanagement of the elite that has ruled Lebanon since the end of its 1975-90 conflict.

More than half the population has been plunged into poverty. The Lebanese pound has nose-dived. Banks have drastically limited withdrawals and transfers. Hyperinflation has made daily goods either unaffordable or unavailable, forcing those coming back from abroad to fill their suitcases with everything from baby food to heart medication.

Trash had been a problem even before the crisis, with major protests in past years against neglect by authorities who sometimes allowed garbage to pile up in the streets.

Now, teenagers carrying giant plastic bags roam the streets looking through dumpsters for scraps they can sell.

The trade once used to be the realm of Syrians who fled their own country's grinding civil war.

"Nowadays, we go to the dump where we sell what we collect, only to find Lebanese people getting out of their cars to sell their recyclables," said one Syrian, who spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisals. "Restaurant employees and building janitors also started to sort trash in order to sell it before throwing the rest out."

Hoda, who gave just her first name for fear of trouble with authorities, turned to scavenging to support her six daughters, ranging from ages 9 to 22, and two grandchildren.

She used to sell vegetables on a cart, but police confiscated her wares six times. She sold tissue boxes, but the currency collapse left her unable to afford them.

Then her son Mohammed asked her to join him in scavenging for garbage. Hoda goes to her spot in Beirut's relatively upscale Hamra neighborhood daily and works sometimes until 2 a.m. gathering anything else she thinks she can sell or use.

Once a week, Mohammed takes everything they collect to sell to dealers who specialize in the trade. One kilogram, or 2.2 pounds, of plastic bags goes for 20 U.S. cents, other plastics for 30 cents, while each kilogram of aluminum fetches $1. While that doesn't sound like much, the collapse of the Lebanese pound means $1 goes much farther.

That access to dollars makes scavenging even more dangerous now. Mohammed said he was beaten up once for crossing into another's scavenger's territory and collecting from a marked dumpster.

"When dollars started to rise, people couldn't afford to eat, and they started scavenging, and each started to have their own bin," Mohammed said. "If one is standing by a bin and another scavenger comes, a fight will break out."

"One of the reasons I asked my mother to join me doing this work is hoping that they wouldn't beat me up when they find my mother with me," he said.

Thugs roaming the streets on motorcycles sometimes target scavengers at the end of day to steal the recyclables they collected.

"They are ready to kill a person for a plastic bag," Mohammed said.

Recyclables aren't the only items Hoda picks up. In her dark room with no windows and no electricity, Hoda keeps scavenged goods that pile up on the floor. A bucket of white paint to maybe use for her room. A light bulb she hopes to use if she ever gets power.

On a recent day, Hoda's 16-year-old daughter was struggling with her 2-month-old baby's diarrhea and asked for diapers, milk and bottle nipples. Hoda's eyes sunk in sadness, and she shook her head.

"My only dream is to have a house for my family and me, where I live like a mother, where I live like a human being." Hoda said, her face wet with tears. "I always laugh and joke around with people, but the inside of my heart is black. I don't let them sense that I am upset. I keep it to myself, keep it inside my heart."

Her most treasured item is a tent she received from protesters during Lebanon's 2019 protests. She hopes she'll be able to use it in future protests against the country's rulers.

"The politicians who rule us deserve to be burned, they are the reason why we are here," Hoda said. "They eat with spoons of gold while we search for a piece of bread to eat from the floor."

Lockdown

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George Hersey Robertson School, 227 Cross St., locked its doors and had students and staff stay put as a precaution, Roberto said.

After concluding a 4 p.m. press conference, police returned to say the situation had been resolved and the barricaded man taken into custody without incident.

The man, Jared Anderson, 38, was wanted on four warrants, two of which for felony charges.

Police did not say how many people were in the home or whether any weapons were confiscated.

Less than two months ago, on Dec. 2, police had another standoff in town, this one about two miles away on Main Street. No one was injured; It turned out the barricaded person was not armed.

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A Coventry town official shuts down South Street after an attempt to serve a warrant turned hostile Monday morning. **MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT**

Swimmer

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Henig started swimming at age 4 at a rec center in Menlo Park. He was the captain of his high school team and held school records in the 50-, 100- and 500-yard freestyle events. In 2016, he qualified for the Olympic Trials in the 50-meter free.

He came to Yale and was a member of the Ivy League champion 200 free and 200 individual medley relays as a freshman and finished third in the 100 free in the Ivy League championships his sophomore year.

Henig decided he wanted to transition slowly. so he was able to compete for the women's team, as he has not taken any male hormones.

"I wanted to take one thing at a time," he said. "I'll take this year and swim on the women's team because that's where I have my stronger connections. Those are my friends, my girls, see how that goes, and I can always re-evaluate."

Last year, he underwent top surgery, a procedure to remove breast or chest tissue, and said everyone he told was supportive.

"As with anything, changes are hard to adjust for some people, even for myself, but the feedback was overwhelmingly positive," he said. "I have a great community around me that I'm incredibly grateful for."

Henig's season has not been without controversy. In the last few weeks, he found his name in the headlines after competing in a meet against Penn and Dartmouth on Jan. 8 in Philadelphia.

Penn's Lia Thomas, a transgender female who has undergone hormone treatment for over two years and competes on the women's swim team, has recorded the top times in the nation this season in the 200 and 500 freestyle. With that has come an outcry from former Olympians and many across the nation who feel that Thomas is not competing fairly.

Thomas and Henig faced off in the 100 freestyle, with Henig winning the race in 49.57 and Thomas finishing sixth in 52.84. During a November meet, Thomas swam the 100 in 49.42. They also competed against each other in the 400 free relay, with Henig's team winning the event. Henig also set the pool record that day in the 50 free (22.76).

As a result, one of Thomas' Penn teammates told Outkick she believed Thomas colluded with Henig.

"Looking at [Lia's] time, I don't think she was trying," the anonymous Penn swimmer alleged. "I know they're friends and I know they were talking before the meet. I think she let her win to prove the point that, 'Oh see, a female-to-male beat me.' "

Henig refuted the report and said he only met Thomas in person for the first time at the meet.

"In the fall semester, when some of the media stuff first started to come out, I saw it and I reached out over Instagram DMs just to introduce myself and offer a word of support," he said. "That was really the only connection we had."

Thomas and Henig will swim against each other again at the Ivy League championships at Harvard on Feb. 16-19.

"It's cool I have the opportunity to race her," Henig said. "She's incredible. I'm really glad to have her in the league."

Last week, the NCAA Board of Governors voted to amend its policy for transgender athletes. Transgender women were required to be on testosterone-suppressing drugs for 12 months before becoming eligible to compete in women's divisions. Now, they must meet testosterone thresholds set by the national governing body of the sport they play. A transgender man, such as Henig, could not compete on a women's team once he started taking testosterone.

The new thresholds could be in place as soon as next month in advance of the NCAA championships in mid-March.

"I think that we're here to play our sport," Henig said Monday. "We follow the rules. We're here to listen to the NCAA guidelines. If they are updated, they're updated. I would hope with all sports, everything is based on science and fact, rather than opinion.

"Because the new guidelines push the writing and expectations of those rules to national governing bodies of sport, there is a lot of it that is simply yet to be seen."

Henig is a bit of a reluctant spokesperson for transgender rights but felt compelled to speak out.

"I want to reiterate that I'm just some guy. I'm just some dude who gets to play his sport at a really cool level," he said. "I'm just here to go fast and have a good time."

And when he is faced with negative feedback, he relies on his support system.

"It's tough," Henig said. "It's a lot of people who don't necessarily know what they're talking about making a lot of noise. So remembering that and drawing on my support networks, the friends who come and say, 'Hey, man, you doing all right? I saw someone said something nasty.' I'm like, 'Yeah, thank you for checking in.' Relying on my friends and family, strengthening those support systems and focusing my energy there as opposed to in the negative places."

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Justices take affirmative action case

Challenge is about considering race in college admissions

By Mark Sherman
Associated Press



The Supreme Court said it would hear a challenge to the consideration of race in college admissions. Lawsuits claim Harvard University and the University of North Carolina discriminate against Asian American applicants. **DREW ANGERER/GETTY**

The conservative-dominated Supreme Court on Monday agreed to hear a challenge to the consideration of race in college admissions, adding affirmative action to major cases on abortion, guns, religion and COVID-19 on the agenda.

The court said it will take up lawsuits claiming that Harvard University, a private institution, and the University of North Carolina, a state school, discriminate against Asian American applicants. A decision against the schools could mean the end of affirmative action in college admissions.

Lower courts rejected the challenges, citing more than 40 years of high court rulings that allow colleges and universities to consider race in admissions decisions. But the colleges and universities must do so in a narrowly tailored way to promote diversity.

The court's most recent pronouncement was in 2016, in a 4-3 decision upholding the admissions program at the University of Texas against a challenge brought by a white woman. But the composition of the court has changed since then, with the addition of three conservative justices.

Two members of that majority are gone from the court: Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg died in 2020, and Justice Anthony Kennedy retired in 2018. The three dissenters in the case, Chief Justice John Roberts and Justices Clarence Thomas and Samuel Alito, remain. Roberts, a moderating influence on some issues, has been a steadfast vote to limit the use of race in public programs.

The court already has heard arguments in cases that could expand gun rights and religious rights and also roll back abortion rights in a direct challenge to the Roe v. Wade ruling from 1973. This month, the justices weighed in on President Joe Biden's vaccine policies, halting a rule requiring a vaccine or testing at large businesses while allowing a vaccine mandate for most of the nation's health care workers.

The affirmative action case probably will be argued in the fall. Both suits were filed by Students for Fair Admissions, a Virginia-based group run by Edward Blum. He has worked for years to rid college admissions of racial considerations. The group is calling on the court to overturn its 2003 ruling in Grutter v. Bollinger, which upheld the University of Michigan's law school admissions program.

The Biden administration had urged the justices to stay away from the issue, writing in the Harvard case that the challenges "cannot justify that extraordinary step" of overruling the 2003 decision.

Harvard President Lawrence Bacow said the institution does not discriminate and vowed to continue defending its admissions plan. "Considering race as one factor among many in admissions decisions produces a more diverse student body which strengthens the learning environment for all," he said in a statement.

Blum voiced hope that the high court will order an end to taking account of race in college admissions. "Harvard and the University of North Carolina have racially gerrymandered their freshman classes in order to achieve prescribed racial quotas," Blum said in a statement.

The current dispute harks back to its first big affirmative action case in 1978, when Justice Lewis Powell set out the rationale for taking account of race even as the court barred the use of racial quotas in admissions.

In the Regents of the University of California v. Bakke, Powell approvingly cited Harvard as "an illuminating example" of a college that takes "race into account in achieving the educational diversity valued by the First Amendment."

Twenty-five years later, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor invoked the Harvard plan in her opinion in the Michigan law school case.

Now the Harvard program is under fire from opponents of race-based affirmative action.

Students for Fair Admissions claims that Harvard imposes a "racial penalty" on Asian American applicants by scoring them lower in some categories than other applicants and awarding "massive preferences" to Black and Hispanic applicants.

Harvard denies that it discriminates against Asian American applicants and says its consideration of race is limited, pointing out that lower courts agreed with the university.

In 2020, the federal appeals court in Boston ruled that Harvard looked at race in a limited way in line with Supreme Court precedents.

Harvard's freshman class is roughly one-quarter Asian American, 16% Black and 13% Hispanic, Harvard says on its website.

North Carolina's flagship public university prevailed in a federal district court in October. U.S. District Judge Loretta Biggs ruled that the school's program was intended to produce a diverse student body and had shown the benefits of doing so.

The court accepted the North Carolina case for review even though it has not been heard by a federal appeals court.

Blum filed a Supreme Court appeal with the hope it would be bundled with the Harvard case so that the justices could rule on public and private colleges at the same time.

Omicron's spread could end 'emergency phase'

WHO official sees path, but adds too early to drop guard

By Marc Santora and Benjamin Mueller
The New York Times



Two girls read a book at Carter Traditional Elementary School on Monday in Louisville, Kentucky. Students in the district are returning to in-person class after two weeks of non-traditional instruction due to staffing issues caused by a surge of the omicron variant. **JON CHERRY/GETTY**

The pandemic that has convulsed the world for more than two years is entering a "new phase" globally and the rapid spread of the omicron variant of the coronavirus could help set the stage for a return to normalcy in the months ahead, according to a top health official in Europe.

Dr. Hans Kluge, director for the World Health Organization's European region, warned that it was too early for nations to drop their guard, with so many people unvaccinated around the world.

But, he said, between vaccination and natural immunity through infection, "omicron offers plausible hope for stabilization and normalization."

The question that remains, however, is what normal looks like — and how long it could last.

Over the past two years, people around the world have become exhaustingly familiar with the wicked way the virus has of evolving and confounding expectations.

Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, the head of the WHO, offered a more cautious assessment of the moment, emphasizing the risks posed by possible new variants.

"It's dangerous to assume that omicron will be the last variant or that we are in the endgame," he said on Monday at an executive board meeting of the organization "On the contrary, globally, the conditions are ideal for more variants to emerge."

In places where omicron is just gaining a foothold, the known number of new infections is staggering.

Case numbers are largely thought to be an undercount given the issues with the access to testing and the use of at-home tests that may not always be officially reported.

Germany's health minister, Karl Lauterbach, said he expects numbers to peak in mid-February, with as many as 600,000 new cases per day.

Omicron is also just now spreading across Eastern and Central Europe, including in many countries with worryingly low vaccination rates.

In countries across Asia that have pursued a "zero-COVID" policy with stringent lockdowns, the path omicron will chart is unclear.

But it is the speed and depth of the spread of omicron that also offers some of the cautious optimism among public health officials.

Scientists have said that the omicron variant will undoubtedly leave behind much higher levels of immunity in the population.

But the protection offered by a previous infection may wane over time, and may not apply as well to future versions of the virus.

The sharp rise in cases in the places where omicron has already taken hold has often been followed by a remarkable decline, such as South Africa, Britain and Israel.

As research has emerged that omicron causes less severe disease and vaccines remain protective against the worst outcomes, many public health experts have encouraged less focus on cases and more emphasis on hospitalizations amid record-breaking spikes.

In the United States, omicron cases appear to have crested in the Northeast, parts of the Upper Midwest and other areas where it first arrived, while nationally, new cases and hospital admissions have leveled off in recent days.

But hospitals in other areas across the country remain overstretched, straining to handle patients after multiple surges and staffing shortages, including in Mississippi, where nearly all of the state's acute-care hospitals have been pushed to capacity. And new deaths remain high.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, President Joe Biden's top pandemic adviser, said on Sunday that while there would be pain in the weeks ahead, especially as omicron moves through lower-vaccinated areas, the hope was that its continued spread would not disrupt society to the same degree as other variants.

Still, he, too, cautioned about the possibility of future variants.

"I'm not saying it's going to happen, but we have to be prepared," he said.

Given how the virus has offered new surprises and challenges, Kluge also offered a mix of caution and optimism.

"The pandemic is far from over, but I am hopeful we can end the emergency phase in 2022 and address other health threats that urgently require our attention," Kluge said.

The European Center for Disease Prevention and Control and the WHO estimate that COVID vaccines saved the lives of 469,186 people age 60 years and over in 33 countries in the region, between December 2020 and November 2021.



Progress of the James Webb Space Telescope is monitored on Jan. 8 at the Space Telescope Science Institute in Baltimore. The telescope has arrived at its observation post. **NASA**

Webb telescope in position 1 million miles away

By Marcia Dunn
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — The world's biggest, most powerful space telescope arrived at its observation post 1 million miles from Earth on Monday, a month after it lifted off on a quest to behold the dawn of the universe.

On command, the James Webb Space Telescope fired its rocket thrusters for nearly five minutes to go into orbit around the sun at its designated location, and NASA confirmed the operation went as planned.

The mirrors on the $10 billion observatory still must be meticulously aligned and the infrared detectors sufficiently chilled before science observations can begin in June. But flight controllers in Baltimore were euphoric after chalking up another success.

"We're one step closer to uncovering the mysteries of the universe. And I can't wait to see Webb's first new views of the universe this summer!" NASA Administrator Bill Nelson said in a statement.

The telescope will enable astronomers to peer back further in time than ever before, back to when the first stars and galaxies were forming 13.7 billion years ago. That's a mere 100 million years from the Big Bang, when the universe was created.

Besides making stellar observations, Webb will scan the atmospheres of alien worlds for possible signs of life.

A sunshield as big as a tennis court opened on the telescope in early January, 1½ weeks after the Dec. 25 launch from French Guiana. The observatory's gold-coated mirror — 21 feet across — unfolded days later.

Monday's thruster firing put the telescope into orbit around the sun at the so-called second Lagrange point, where the gravitational forces of the sun and Earth balance.

WORLD & NATION

US bombed a dam on 'no-strike list' in Syria

Report warned an attack could cause thousands of deaths

By Dave Philipps, Azmat Khan and Eric Schmitt
The New York Times



A U.S. unit bombed the Tabqa Dam in 2017 despite it being on a"no-strike list." **IVOR PRICKETT/THE NEW YORK TIMES 2018**

Near the height of the war against the Islamic State group in Syria, explosions rocked the country's largest dam, a towering, 18-story structure on the Euphrates River that held back a 25-mile-long reservoir above a valley where hundreds of thousands of people lived.

The Tabqa Dam was a strategic linchpin controlled by the Islamic State group. The explosions on March 26, 2017, knocked dam workers to the ground. A fire spread and crucial equipment failed. The flow of the Euphrates suddenly had no way through, the reservoir rose and authorities warned people downstream to flee.

The Islamic State group, the Syrian government and Russia blamed the United States, but the dam was on the U.S. military's "no-strike list" of protected civilian sites, and the commander of the U.S. offensive at the time, then-Lt. Gen. Stephen J. Townsend, said allegations of U.S. involvement were based on "crazy reporting."

But members of a secret U.S. special operations unit called Task Force 9 had struck the dam using some of the largest conventional bombs in the U.S. arsenal, including at least one BLU-109 bunker-buster bomb, according to two former senior officials. And they had done it despite a military report warning not to bomb the dam, because the damage could cause a flood that might kill tens of thousands of civilians.

The decision to strike the dam would normally have been made high up the chain of command. But the former officials said the task force used a procedural shortcut reserved for emergencies, allowing it to launch the attack without clearance.

The two former officials, who spoke on the condition that they not be named because they were not authorized to discuss the strikes, said some officers overseeing the air war viewed the task force's actions as reckless.

Even with careful planning, hitting a dam with such large bombs would likely have been seen by top leaders as unacceptably dangerous, said Scott Murray, a retired Air Force colonel.

"Using a 2,000-pound bomb against a restricted target like a dam is extremely difficult and should have never been done on the fly," he said. "Worst case, those munitions could have absolutely caused the dam to fail."

After the strikes, dam workers stumbled on an ominous piece of good fortune: In the dam's control tower, a U.S. BLU-109 bunker-buster bomb lay on its side, scorched but intact — a dud. If it had exploded, experts say, the whole dam might have failed.

In response to questions from The New York Times, U.S. Central Command, which oversaw the air war in Syria, acknowledged dropping three 2,000-pound bombs but denied targeting the dam or sidestepping procedures. A spokesperson said that the bombs hit only the towers attached to the dam, not the dam itself, and while top leaders had not been notified beforehand, limited strikes on the towers had been preapproved by the command.

"Analysis had confirmed that strikes on the towers attached to the dam were not considered likely to cause structural damage to the Tabqa Dam itself," said Capt. Bill Urban, the chief spokesperson for the command. Noting that the dam did not collapse, he added, "That analysis has proved accurate."

But the two former officials, who were directly involved in the air war at the time, and Syrian witnesses interviewed by the Times, said the situation was far more dire than the U.S. military publicly said.

The dam stopped functioning entirely. The reservoir quickly rose 50 feet and nearly spilled over the dam, which engineers said would have been catastrophic. The situation grew so desperate that enemies in the yearslong conflict — the Islamic State group, the Syrian government, Syrian defense forces and the United States — called an emergency cease-fire so civilian engineers could race to avert a disaster.

Engineers who worked at the dam, who did not want to be identified because they feared reprisal, said it was only through quick work that the dam and the people living downstream of it were saved.

"The destruction would have been unimaginable," a former director at the dam said.

The United States went into the war against the Islamic State group in 2014 with targeting rules intended to protect civilians and spare critical infrastructure.

But the Islamic State group sought to exploit those rules, using civilian no-strike sites as weapons depots, command centers and fighting positions. That included the Tabqa Dam.

The task force's solution to this problem too often was to set aside the rules intended to protect civilians, current and former military personnel said.

Soon, the task force was justifying the majority of its airstrikes using emergency self-defense procedures intended to save troops in life-threatening situations, even when no troops were in danger. That allowed it to hit targets — including no-strike sites — that would have otherwise been off-limits.

Perhaps no single incident shows the brazen use of self-defense rules and the potentially devastating costs more than the strike on the Tabqa Dam.

It is unclear what spurred the task force attack in March 2017. Dam workers said they saw no heavy fighting or casualties that day before the bombs hit.

What is clear is that Task Force 9 operators called in a self-defense strike, which meant they did not have to seek permission from the chain of command.

A military report obtained through a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit shows the operators contacted a B-52 bomber and requested an immediate airstrike on three targets. But the report makes no mention of enemy forces firing or heavy casualties. Instead, it says the operators requested the strikes for "terrain denial."

A senior Defense Department official disputed that the task force overstepped its authority by striking without informing top leaders. The official said the strikes were conducted "within approved guidance" set by Townsend, the commander of the campaign against the Islamic State group.

First, the B-52 dropped bombs set to explode in the air above the targets to avoid damaging the structures, the senior military official said. But when those failed to dislodge the enemy fighters, the task force called for the bomber to drop three 2,000-pound bombs, this time set to explode when they hit the concrete.

Two workers were at the dam that day. One of them, an electrical engineer, recalled Islamic State fighters positioned in the northern tower as usual that day, but no fighting underway when they went into the dam to work on the cooling system.

No disciplinary action was taken against the task force, the senior officials said. The secret unit continued to strike targets using the same types of self-defense justifications it had used on the dam.





At 113, NAACP is embracing youth

Evolution needed to continue, civil rights group president says

By Aaron Morrison
Associated Press



Lawyers George E.C. Hayes, left, Thurgood Marshall and James M. Nabrit led the fight for abolition of segregation in public schools before the Supreme Court. The NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund litigated the landmark case. **AP 1954**

As the NAACP turns 113, look for its voice to grow louder on issues like climate change, the student debt crisis and the ongoing response to the coronavirus pandemic — while keeping voting rights and criminal justice reform at the forefront of its priorities.

The nation's oldest civil rights organization's birthday next month comes as it undergoes a restructuring to reflect a membership and leadership that is trending younger, to people in their mid-30s. As a result, it is adding endeavors like producing streaming content for CBS.

The hope is that younger Americans see the NAACP has modernized beyond being grandma and grandpa's go-to civil rights hub, good for much more than voter-registration drives and the star-studded Image Awards.

"We had to reinvigorate the organization," said national president Derrick Johnson.

"The changes that we have seen are absolutely necessary for the organization to exist for the next 112 or 113 years," Johnson, 53, added. "But more importantly, we are more targeted in our work and are driven by outcomes as opposed to output."

The NAACP's legacy includes the legal desegregation of schools and workplaces, crusades against lynching and racial terrorism, and pursuit of socioeconomic advancement for Black Americans. It commands the respect of U.S. presidents and Capitol Hill powerbrokers, confers with U.N. diplomats on global issues and trains future leaders through thousands of state and local branches.

But in periods of NAACP history when it found itself embroiled in financial hardship and internal power struggles, the group appeared ineffective or even irrelevant. Past critics have said the NAACP was insular, too concerned with corporate funding, and not nearly nimble or progressive enough for the times.

"The best of the NAACP is when it fought for change, not as payback for Black people voting for a candidate, but because the change was demanded by the promises of the Constitution, the demands of human rights and the sound morality of our deepest religious traditions," said the Rev. William Barber II, who led the North Carolina NAACP from 2006 to 2017 before resigning to become co-chair of the Poor People's Campaign.

"Right now, the NAACP should be leaning to its better history," Barber said.

A revamped "brain trust" within its leadership is helping to better meet the needs of its membership, said NAACP chief strategy officer Yumeka Rushing.

During a December national staff retreat, roughly half of those in attendance had come onboard in the prior 12 months.

"There is not another organization like us, in terms of the footprint that we have around the country," Rushing said. "The restructuring happened at a time when the country needed us the most, to stand up and speak to the issues."

Johnson said there is no issue more important to the NAACP than the fight to enhance voter protections. With the Senate missing last week's Martin Luther King Jr. Day deadline to pass Democrat-backed legislation, the NAACP president issued a grave warning to lawmakers of both parties.

"Anything short of protecting the right to vote is a death sentence for democracy. The fight is far from over," Johnson said after a Wednesday night Senate vote.

Johnson said the organization's strategy on voting rights isn't just about preserving Black voters' influence in national elections. Following the release of 2020 census data, the NAACP has filed lawsuits against state redistricting plans in Texas, Georgia and Illinois that would limit voters' choices in elections.

Until about a decade ago, it had been easier to find bipartisan support for voter protection measures. In a 2006 speech to the NAACP's national convention in Washington, former Republican President George W. Bush affirmed his support for Congress' reauthorization of the landmark Voting Rights Act of 1965.

"President (Lyndon) Johnson called the right to vote the lifeblood of our democracy," Bush said. "That was true then, and it remains true today."

Paris Dennard, a spokesman for the Republican National Committee, said the NAACP and the GOP have historically been aligned on several civil rights issues, including criminal justice reform, election integrity and financial support for historically Black colleges and universities.

"The NAACP is supposed to be nonpartisan, so we're always seeking areas of alignment on a host of issues," Dennard said.

Founded Feb. 12, 1909, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was formed as the nation struggled to build a post-abolition multiracial democracy amid violence against Black people.

Its white founders, a group of activists and journalists that included Henry Moskowitz, Mary White Ovington and William English Walling, joined with like-minded Black activists — W. E. B. Du Bois, Mary Church Terrell and Ida B. Wells, the noted journalist who investigated lynching in America.

The NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, founded as a part of the NAACP in 1940, litigated the landmark Supreme Court case Brown v. Board of Education mandating the desegregation of public schools in 1954, as well as a case permitting affirmative action in college admissions decades later. In 1957, the NAACP LDF became a separate entity.

Today, the NAACP has more than 2,200 branches, including in colleges and prisons, and 2.2 million members. Even amid the rise in popularity of the Black Lives Matter movement, youth membership jumped significantly from 12,000 in 2019 to more than 17,000 by the end of 2020, according to Wisdom Cole, the NAACP's youth and college division director.

"The NAACP continues to be the preeminent civil rights organization in the country," said Randal Maurice Jelks, professor of African and African American studies at the University of Kansas. "It set up a bureaucracy to be able to handle the ongoing, critical changes that we face."

When other organizations have burned out, the NAACP is well positioned to endure, Jelks said. "And that is to the credit of its initial organizers."

Johnson said he has grown as a leader by relying on the wisdom of the organization's elders and the counsel of its young people.

"I have been able to apply lessons learned, good and bad," Johnson said. "As I navigate in this moment, I see the relationships built over time are now coming full circle."



People celebrate Monday in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. The military in the West African country said it has ousted the democratically elected president. **SOPHIE GARCIA/AP**

Military says it's in power in West Africa's Burkina Faso

By Declan Walsh
The New York Times

OUAGADOUGOU, Burkina Faso — The military announced Monday that it had seized power in Burkina Faso, suspending the constitution and ousting the country's democratically elected president hours after mutinous soldiers surrounded his home.

President Roch Marc Christian Kabore had been leading Burkina Faso, a poor, landlocked country in Western Africa, since 2015. But he faced growing criticism from civilians and the military alike over his government's inability to beat back the Islamic insurgents creating havoc in this nation of 21 million people.

Burkina Faso had remained largely peaceful until 2015. But that year, militant groups launched a violent campaign as part of a broader upheaval in the Sahel, the vast stretch of land just south of the Sahara.

The violence has destabilized large swathes of Burkina Faso, displacing 1.4 million people and causing 2,000 deaths last year alone. And it led to mounting public frustration with Kabore, 64, whom younger people especially faulted for the government's failure to stem the tide of violence.

In the past year, there has been a flurry of coups in Africa, the greatest concentration in years, with takeovers in Guinea, Sudan, Chad and Mali.

The coup in Burkina Faso was announced on state television Monday afternoon by a junior army officer who said the army had seized power in response to the "exasperation of the people." Beside him sat Lt. Col. Paul-Henri Damiba, a senior military officer who was introduced to the people of Burkina Faso as their new head of state.

The military said the nation's land and air borders would be closed and a nightly curfew imposed until further notice.

There was no mention of Kabore's whereabouts and no indication that he had agreed to step down.

"The authorities have been captured without bloodshed and are being kept in a secure place," the soldier said.

The military's announcement came after a turbulent day in Burkina Faso.

On Sunday, soldiers seized several military bases, and riot police clashed with civilian protesters. In the afternoon, a Twitter post had appeared on Kabore's account that asked people to stand fast behind their tottering democracy.

"Our country is going through a difficult time," he wrote, urging mutinying soldiers to lay down their arms.

Public support for the mutiny was driven by a perception that Kabore was incapable of beating back the Islamic groups that have been spreading mayhem for so long, said Rinaldo Depagne, an expert on Burkina Faso at the International Crisis Group.

"He's not absolutely awful and corrupt," Depagne said of the deposed leader. "But it's obvious that people think, rightly or wrongly, that a man in uniform with a big gun is better able to protect them than a democratically elected president."

UK ruling allows Assange to appeal his extradition to US

By Danica Kirka
Associated Press



Stella Moris, the fiancee of Julian Assange, speaks Monday outside a London court. Assange, the founder of WikiLeaks, is fighting extradition to the United States. **LEON NEAL/GETTY**

LONDON — WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange on Monday won the first stage of his effort to overturn a U.K. ruling that opened the door for his extradition to U.S. to stand trial on espionage charges.

The High Court in London gave Assange permission to appeal the case to the U.K. Supreme Court. But the Supreme Court must agree to accept the case before it can move forward.

"Make no mistake, we won today in court," Assange's fiancee, Stella Moris, said outside the courthouse, noting that he remains in custody at Belmarsh Prison in London.

"We will fight this until Julian is free," she added.

The Supreme Court normally takes about eight sitting weeks after an application is submitted to decide whether to accept an appeal, the court says on its website.

The decision is the latest step in Assange's ongoing battle to avoid a trial in the U.S. on a series of charges related to WikiLeaks' publication of classified documents more than a decade ago.

Just over a year ago, a district court judge in London rejected a U.S. extradition request on the grounds that Assange was likely to kill himself if held under harsh U.S. prison conditions. U.S. authorities later provided assurances that the WikiLeaks founder wouldn't face the severe treatment his lawyers said would put his physical and mental health at risk.

The High Court last month overturned the lower court's decision, saying that the U.S. promises were enough to guarantee Assange would be treated humanely.

Those assurances were the focus of Monday's ruling by the High Court.

Assange's lawyers are seeking to appeal because the U.S. offered its assurances after the lower court made its ruling. But the High Court overturned the lower court ruling, saying that the judge should have given the U.S. the opportunity to offer the assurances before she made her final ruling.

The High Court gave Assange permission to appeal so the Supreme Court can decide "in what circumstances can an appellate court receive assurances from a requesting state ... in extradition proceedings."

Assange's lawyers have argued that the U.S. government's pledge that Assange won't be subjected to extreme conditions is meaningless because it's conditional.

The U.S. has asked British authorities to extradite Assange so he can stand trial on 17 charges of espionage and one charge of computer misuse linked to WikiLeaks' publication of thousands of leaked military and diplomatic documents.

Assange, 50, has been held at Belmarsh, a high-security facility, since 2019, when he was arrested for skipping bail during a separate legal battle. Before that, he spent seven years inside Ecuador's Embassy in London. Assange sought protection in the embassy in 2012 to avoid extradition to Sweden to face allegations of rape and sexual assault. Sweden dropped its investigations in late 2019.

American prosecutors say Assange unlawfully helped U.S. Army intelligence analyst Chelsea Manning steal classified diplomatic cables and military files that WikiLeaks later published, putting lives at risk.

Lawyers for Assange argue he shouldn't have been charged because he was acting as a journalist and is protected by the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution that guarantees freedom of the press. They say the documents he published exposed U.S. military wrongdoing in Iraq and Afghanistan.

WORLD & NATION

NEWS BRIEFING

Palin's positive test for COVID-19 delays libel trial against NY Times

From news services

NEW YORK — An unvaccinated former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin tested positive for COVID-19 Monday, forcing a postponement of a trial in her libel lawsuit against The New York Times.

The Republican's positive test was announced in court just as jury selection was to begin at a federal courthouse in New York City.

Palin claims the Times damaged her reputation with an opinion piece penned by its editorial board that falsely asserted her political rhetoric helped incite the 2011 shooting of then-U.S. Rep. Gabby Giffords of Arizona. The newspaper has conceded the initial wording of the editorial was flawed, but not in an intentional or reckless way that made it libelous.

U.S. District Judge Jed Rakoff said the trial can begin Feb. 3 if Palin, 57, has recovered.

Palin, a one-time Republican vice presidential nominee, has had COVID-19 before. She's urged people not to get vaccinated, telling an audience in Arizona last month that "it will be over my dead body that I'll have to get a shot."

When he first announced that Palin had gotten a positive result from an at-home test, Rakoff said: "She is, of course, unvaccinated."

Additional tests in the morning also came out positive, Palin's lawyer told the court.

"Since she has tested positive three times, I'm going to assume she's positive," the judge said.

Palin's case survived an initial dismissal that was reversed on appeal in 2019, setting the stage for a rare instance that a major news organization will have to defend itself before a jury in a libel case involving a major public figure.

Palin is seeking unspecified damages, saying the Times hurt her budding career as a political commentator.

Persian Gulf tensions: The United Arab Emirates and the U.S. military intercepted two ballistic missiles fired by Yemen's Houthi rebels over the skies of Abu Dhabi early Monday, authorities said.

Videos on social media showed the sky over Abu Dhabi light up before dawn with what appeared to be interceptor missiles targeting the incoming fire. Two explosions later thundered through the city. The videos corresponded to known features of Abu Dhabi.

The Emirates is "ready to deal with any threats and ... it takes all necessary measures to protect the state from all attacks," the state-run WAM news agency quoted the UAE Defense Ministry as saying.

Navy Capt. Bill Urban, spokesperson for U.S. Central Command, in a statement acknowledged the assistance of American Patriot missile batteries prevented the Houthi missiles from striking targets in Abu Dhabi. Videos on social media suggested outgoing interceptor fire came from the base.

The U.S. Embassy in Abu Dhabi later issued a security alert to Americans living in the UAE, warning citizens to "maintain a high level of security awareness."

George Floyd officers trial: Prosecutors in the trial of three former Minneapolis police officers charged with violating George Floyd's civil rights accused the men Monday of standing by as fellow Officer Derek Chauvin "slowly killed George Floyd right in front of them."

But one defense attorney countered that Chauvin called "all of the shots" and criticized the Minneapolis Police Department for doing too little to train officers to intervene when a colleague should be stopped.

Another officer's attorney focused on Floyd's struggle with police before they restrained him.

And an attorney for the third officer said his client raised concerns about the restraint of Floyd, but was rebuffed.

J. Alexander Kueng, Thomas Lane and Tou Thao are broadly charged with depriving Floyd of his civil rights while acting under government authority. Floyd died on May 25, 2020, after Chauvin pressed him to the ground with his knee on Floyd's neck for 9 ½ minutes while the 46-year-old Black man was facedown, handcuffed and gasping for air.

Kueng knelt on Floyd's back, Lane held his legs and Thao kept bystanders from intervening.

Kueng, who is Black; Lane, who is white; and Thao, who is Hmong American, are all charged for failing to provide Floyd with medical care.

Thao and Kueng face an additional count for failing to stop Chauvin, who is white and was convicted of murder and manslaughter last year in state court.

Michigan school reopens: The Michigan high school where four students were fatally shot reopened Monday for the first time since the November attack.

Dozens of therapy dogs, including a fleet of puppies, were available to help students, who ended the day with a gift bag.

Students had been attending classes at other buildings since Jan. 10.

Four students were killed and six students and a teacher were injured in the shooting. A fellow student, Ethan Crumbley, 15, is charged with murder and other crimes. His parents also are facing charges.

The high school is about 30 miles north of Detroit.

Taliban talks: The Taliban and western diplomats have begun their first official talks in Europe since they took over control of Afghanistan in August with closed-door meetings held in the Norwegian capital city of Oslo.

Taliban representatives will be certain to press their demand that nearly $10 billion frozen by the United States and other Western countries be released as Afghanistan faces a precarious humanitarian situation.

The three-day talks opened Sunday with direct meetings between the Taliban and civil society representatives.

On Monday the Taliban's acting foreign minister said meetings with Afghanistan's civil society were not a negotiation, but rather a constructive exchange.

The country's new rulers have been sharply criticized for their heavy-handed approach to security, dispersing women protesters with pepper spray and firing in the air, intimidating and beating journalists, and coming in the night to arrest anti-government demonstrators.

University shooting: A gunman opened fire Monday during a lecture at Heidelberg University in Germany, killing one and wounding three others before killing himself, police said.

The 18-year-old suspected gunman was a student at the university, said Siegfried Kollmar, the regional chief of police.

The suspect, a German citizen with no known police record, sent a phone message to his father before the shooting saying "people will be punished," Kollmar told reporters.

The motive for the attack was still being investigated, but the suspect was known to have suffered from psychological illness in the past, he added.



Firefighters search through rubble after a parking garage collapsed following flooding from Tropical Storm Ana on Monday in Antananarivo, Madagascar. Officials raised the death toll from recent heavy rains on the island off the coast of East Africa to 34 with more than 55,000 people displaced. Officials also warned Monday that heavy rains will continue . **RIJASOLO/GETTY-AFP**





BUSINESS

S&P 500 up after entering into correction territory

Index erases 4% drop during wild day of trading ahead of key Fed meeting

By Coral Murphy Marcos
The New York Times

After a day of frenzied trading, Wall Street recovered from its biggest drop in nearly a year, ending with a slight gain after falling nearly 4% and touching correction territory.

The S&P 500 gained 0.3% to 4,410.13, paring its losses since its Jan. 3 record to about 8%.

Earlier Monday, selling seemed to have triggered a new marker of the abrupt shift in investor thinking this month. The index had fallen more than 10% from that record. A drop of that scale, called a correction on Wall Street, is infrequent. The last time the S&P 500, the U.S. benchmark, was in a correction was March 2020, when a panic over the emerging coronavirus pandemic gripped global markets.

This downdraft came as investors anticipated the Fed will have to raise interest rates quickly this year as it tries to tamp down inflation, which is at its highest level in 40 years. Its main policy interest rate, the federal funds rate, was slashed to near-zero in 2020 as the central bank took extraordinary measures to shore up the economy as it was hit by lockdowns. Those low rates also helped fuel a massive rally in stock prices.

Now that the Fed is likely to take away that support, investors have been rethinking their expectations for corporate profits and what they are willing to pay for stocks. Higher borrowing costs for houses and cars could slow spending and dampen consumer demand as borrowers direct more of their earnings to paying back debt.

"You're starting to see a shift in psychology," said John Canavan, an analyst at Oxford Economics.

The Fed is scheduled to hold a policy meeting Tuesday and Wednesday, and while there probably won't be any significant changes in the central bank's policy, the attention on the meeting "focuses markets on the broader fact that the Fed is prepared to aggressively remove accommodation they hadn't expected just a few months ago," Canavan said.

The first interest rate increase — likely raising the benchmark by a quarter of a percentage point — could come in March, economists expect, with some investors expecting three more to follow this year.

That is a change in outlook since last year, when the Fed first said it would begin to remove some of its support for the economy. Analysts have also noted that the omicron variant of the coronavirus has proved less of a threat to growth than investors might have expected last year — allowing the Fed to focus on controlling inflation, rather than boosting growth.

But investors may have gotten carried away with their concerns over what might happen next, said Gennadiy Goldberg, a senior U.S. rates strategist at T.D. Securities.

Goldberg said the market was "starting to overshoot" and noted some investors Monday were discussing outcomes that the Fed hadn't indicated, like a large rate hike in March or other rapid moves to choke off inflation, including the possibility of a rate increase at every meeting from now on.

"I wonder how much of that is scaring the market," he said.



The value of his Iowa farmland has made Jeff Frank worth millions of dollars. **JOSEPH L. MURPHY/IOWA SOYBEAN ASSOCIATION 2018**

Big boom in farmland prices

Several factors contributing, but good times also making it harder for those starting out

By Scott McFetridge
Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Fourth-generation corn and soybean farmer Jeff Frank doesn't feel rich, but based on the skyrocketing value of his land in northwest Iowa, it's an apt way to describe him.

He lives in the same nearly century-old house, grows vegetables in the family garden and shops at the same grocery store about 15 miles down the road. "We live the same way we have all of our lives," he said.

Still, the several hundred acres he owns about 80 miles northwest of Des Moines have suddenly made him worth millions.

It may come as a surprise to city dwellers excited by their home values that farmers like Frank are actually experiencing a real estate boom that makes residential prices pale in comparison. While median existing-home prices rose by 15.8% in the U.S. last year, farmland values went up about double that rate in places like Iowa.

"I'm definitely surprised by the magnitude," said Wendong Zhang, an economist at Iowa State University who oversees an annual farmland value survey.

The rising values, especially in the Midwest, are due to high prices being paid for the key commodity crops of corn and soybeans, plentiful harvests in recent years coupled with low interest rates and optimism the good times will continue. However, it's also becoming much harder for small operators or younger farmers starting out to get land unless they happen to inherit it.

Most purchases are by operations that see the value of larger scale, seizing the chance to buy nearby land.

As for consumers, higher land costs typically don't affect grocery prices.

Historically, farmland values rise and fall, but in the past couple decades they have mostly risen, and in the past year they have risen a lot — 33% in Frank's part of the state and 29% throughout Iowa, one of the nation's top agricultural states. Agricultural prices also have soared elsewhere in the Midwest and have climbed in most other parts of the country, too.

Federal Reserve Banks in Chicago and Kansas City reported double-digit increases in Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, Missouri and Nebraska.

In Iowa, average farmland has risen from $7,559 an acre in 2020 to $9,751 an acre in 2021.

Nationally, farmland was up an average of 7% but that doesn't include the last half of 2021, when prices really took off in many areas.

Farmland prices have even climbed in California despite concerns about persistent drought. In 2021, the average prices of $10,900 an acre was up 9% from 2020.

Dan Sumner, an agricultural economist at the University of California at Davis, credits some of the rising value in switching to higher-value crops, such as replacing alfalfa with nut trees.

Holly Rippon-Butler, who runs a dairy with her parents in upstate New York, called the farmland prices increases "just nuts."

"Buying land is almost impossible unless you have some preexisting source of generational family wealth," said Rippon-Butler, who works with the National Young Farmers Coalition, an organization that advocates for policy changes and public funding that would enable more people to have access to land.

EU told to step up pace in global 5G race

Associated Press

BRUSSELS — As the United States grapples with the 5G rollout affecting airlines, a European Union watchdog warned on Monday the EU faces much bigger economic and security threats unless member countries step up cooperation.

The alarm bells are included in a special report on the 27-nation bloc's preparations for 5G, the fifth and next generation of wireless communications. 5G is projected to propel the world into a new digital age — one with greater technological innovations but also vulnerabilities.

The study by the European Court of Auditors says Europe is falling behind North America and Asia in the rollout of 5G networks and the EU needs to beef up its strategy to counter accompanying national-security risks.

In the U.S., the start of 5G telecommunication services has prompted airlines to complain about possible interference with planes' navigation instruments and disruptions to air travel.

The world is rushing to install 5G infrastructure as a result of its higher data capacity and transmission speeds, which promise to transform everything from car driving and livestock farming to sports broadcasting and goods manufacturing.

In this race with high economic stakes, EU nations are moving too slowly because of a failure to do things such as assign radio spectrum for 5G services, according to the study by the watchdog.

It said a majority of the bloc's member states is set to miss a common rollout target fixed for 2025, when they are supposed to ensure uninterrupted 5G coverage in urban areas and along main transport routes.

By mid-decade, just 35% of all mobile connections in Europe will be based on 5G compared with 51% in North America.

As a result, most EU countries may also fail to achieve a more ambitious joint goal for 2030: making 5G services available across the population.

The lost economic benefits for the EU could be large; 5G is expected to trigger exponential increases in the consumption of data in a bloc where services account for about 70% of GDP.

UK to scrap virus travel demands for vaccinated

By Jill Lawless
Associated Press

LONDON — The British government announced Monday that it is scrapping coronavirus travel testing requirements for the vaccinated, news hailed by the travel industry as a big step back to normality.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson said that "to show that this country is open for business, open for travelers, you will see changes so that people arriving no longer have to take tests if they have been vaccinated, if they have been double vaccinated."

Transport Secretary Grant Shapps said the change would take effect Feb. 11, coinciding with a midterm holiday break for many schoolchildren.

"Border testing of vaccinated travelers has outlived its usefulness," Shapps said.

Tourism and travel firms that have been hammered by pandemic restrictions welcomed the move, which makes the U.K. one of the most open countries in the world for international travel.

Tim Alderslade, chief executive of airline industry body Airlines U.K., said it was "a landmark day."

"Nearly two years since the initial COVID restrictions were introduced, today's announcement brings international travel towards near-normality for the fully vaccinated, and at last into line with hospitality and the domestic economy," he said.

Currently, travelers who have had at least two vaccine doses must take a rapid coronavirus test within two days of arriving in the U.K.

Testing requirements are being lifted for vaccinated adults and all children under 18. Britain is also easing rules for the unvaccinated, who will have to take coronavirus tests before and after entering Britain but will no longer face quarantine.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Kosovo tightens COVID-19 rules

PRISTINA, Kosovo — Kosovo on Monday tightened COVID-19 measures for people coming into the country amid a surge in coronavirus infections.

The Health Ministry said that if people coming into Kosovo want to avoid quarantining for a week they should have three doses of a COVID-19 vaccine, or two doses plus a negative PCR test no older than 48 hours.

The restrictions will remain in place until Feb. 4, according to a ministry statement. The emergence of the omicron variant is believed to be responsible for the rise in infections.

Kosovo's move was criticized by neighboring residents in Albania and North Macedonia who held protests Monday.

Google sued over privacy concerns

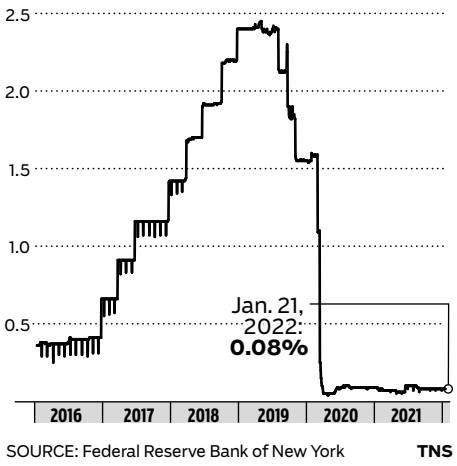
WASHINGTON — The District of Columbia and three states are suing Google for allegedly deceiving consumers and invading their privacy by making it nearly impossible for them to stop their location from being tracked. Google disputes the claims.

In the lawsuit filed Monday in a Washington court, D.C. Attorney General Karl Racine alleges the internet search giant has "systematically" deceived consumers about how their locations are tracked and used.

"Consumers who use Google products cannot prevent Google from collecting, storing and profiting from their location," the lawsuit says.

The attorneys general of Texas, Indiana and Washington state are filing similar lawsuits in their state courts.

Effective federal funds rate
Daily interest rate at which banks lend each other reserve funds



SOURCE: Federal Reserve Bank of New York TNS

BUSINESS



Vehicles wait at a light during rush hour in Las Vegas. Two groups will rate vehicles on how well they track drivers who use partially automated driver-assist systems. **JOHN LOCHER/AP 2021**

New vehicles to be rated on how alert they keep drivers

By Tom Krisher
Associated Press

DETROIT — Two organizations that influence many Americans' automobile buying decisions will begin rating vehicles on how well they track the behavior of motorists who use partially automated driver-assist systems.

Consumer Reports and the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety say the ratings will factor into scores for new models starting this year. Automobile buyers often turn to both groups to judge the safety of vehicles.

The new ratings come as the auto industry struggles with how to make sure drivers stay alert as the systems take on more driving functions. Plus, the systems are being offered in more new vehicles.

Both groups say research shows drivers often rely too much on the computerized systems, even though they cannot drive vehicles themselves. At times, the systems have made mistakes and drivers have failed to take action — with deadly consequences. Some automakers have oversold the systems' abilities in advertising, both groups said.

The organizations say they are stepping in with ratings and standards because there are none from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the U.S. government's auto safety agency. NHTSA said in a statement that it's researching the monitoring systems to establish benchmarks and get driver data for possible future actions.

Both Consumer Reports and IIHS hope that automakers will respond with more robust monitoring systems.

"Keeping drivers focused on the road and the vehicle is critical for the safe use of partially automated driving systems," said David Harkey, president of IIHS, an industry group.

Partially automated systems vary in levels of sophistication. Some are a combination of lane-centering technology and advanced cruise control, which will adjust speed to keep a vehicle away from those in front of it. Others can change lanes on their own. Most use cameras and some have radar sensors.

But drivers are able to ignore some of the monitoring systems, especially with Tesla, which led the industry by rolling out its "Autopilot" driver-assist system in 2015. Government officials say no self-driving cars are available for sale and that drivers must be ready to take action at all times.

Some companies, such as General Motors, Ford, Tesla, BMW and Subaru, have cameras that watch a driver to make sure their eyes are on the road. Others only check for hands on the steering wheel. But since there are no federal standards, some monitoring can be turned off by drivers, while others don't take enough action to make drivers pay attention, both organizations said.

There is no evidence that the driving systems make vehicles safer, and research shows they could be less safe if the systems don't make sure drivers are engaged, Harkey said.

He said the systems are a "single digit" percentage of the roughly 280 million vehicles on U.S. roadways.

Fed paper on digital currency suggests banks take on a role

By Christopher Rugaber
Associated Press



Fed Chairman Jerome Powell has said that while the central bank needed to keep pace with financial innovations, it would also do so cautiously. **BRENDAN SMIALOWSKI/POOL VIA AP**

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve has released a report on central bank digital currencies that suggested it is leaning toward having banks and other financial firms, rather than the Fed itself, manage digital accounts for customers.

A central bank digital currency would differ in some key ways from the online and digital payments millions of Americans already conduct. Those transactions are funneled through banks, which wouldn't be necessary with a digital dollar.

The Fed's paper stressed that no final decisions about a digital currency have been reached. But it suggested that a digital currency that "would best serve the needs" of the nation would follow an "intermediated model" under which banks or payment firms would create accounts or digital wallets.

The Fed characterized the potential introduction of a digital currency as a step that could have far-reaching consequences for banks and other financial firms as well as for the central bank itself.

"The introduction of a (central bank digital currency) would represent a highly significant innovation in American money," the study said. The Fed said it "could fundamentally change the structure of the U.S. financial system, altering the roles and responsibilities of the private sector and the central bank."

The report comes when digital money is proliferating. Millions of people own cryptocurrencies, though they are often used more as investments than as forms of payment. But so-called stablecoins, which are often pegged to the dollar, have also soared in use in the past year — mostly for cryptocurrency transactions.

And most central banks around the world are studying government-backed digital currencies. China's central bank has already tested a digital version of the yuan. The European Central Bank began exploring a digital euro in October and said its "investigation period" would last two years. Some Caribbean nations have already issued digital currencies.

Last March, Chair Jerome Powell said that while the Fed needed to keep pace with financial innovations, it would proceed cautiously.

"We have an obligation to be on the cutting edge of understanding the technological challenges," Powell said then. "But ... we don't need to rush this project. We don't need to be first to market."

The Fed is likely years away from actually issuing a digital currency, if it decides to do so. The paper released Thursday kicks off a 120-day comment period, during which the Fed will seek input from the public. The Fed also said it would proceed only with support from Congress, "ideally in the form of a specific authorizing law."

A digital dollar could also bring benefits. It would be a safer form of digital payment, because the Fed, unlike a bank or the companies issuing stablecoins, can't go bankrupt. It could be easier and less expensive to access for people without bank accounts.

At the same time, a digital currency could pose privacy risks because it would be issued by the government. The Fed's paper suggests, though, that banks and other third-party firms would shield consumer data from the Fed while also implementing existing rules against money-laundering and other illicit activity.

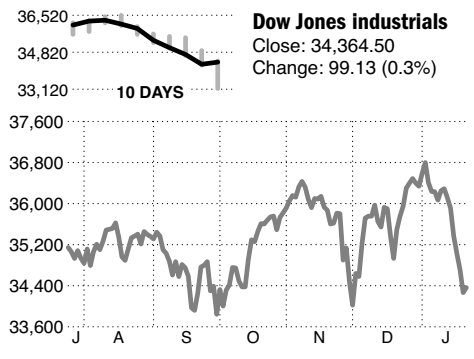
Such a government-issued digital dollar could also have major consequences for commercial banks because many Americans might prefer to hold such currency in a "wallet" issued by a payment provider like PayPal or Venmo, potentially cutting into bank deposits.

The Fed could even seek to influence the economy through a digital currency, as it now does by controlling interest rates. It could pay interest on a digital dollar, for example, or even have it decline in value, as a form of a negative interest rate.

MARKET RUNDOWN

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

DOW 34,364.50 +99.13 ▲
10-YR T-BOND 1.74% ... ■
GOLD $1,841.00 +9.20 ▲



Dow Jones industrials
Close: 34,364.50
Change: 99.13 (0.3%)

Domestic Indexes

	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD
DOW Indus.	34,364.50	+99.13	-5.43%
DOW Trans.	15,435.92	+188.64	-6.33%
DOW Util.	932.47	-11.28	-4.93%
NYSE Comp.	16,413.97	+16.63	-4.37%
Nasdaq Comp.	13,855.13	+86.21	-11.44%
S&P 500	4,410.13	+12.19	-7.47%
S&P 400	2,641.49	+47.00	-7.06%
Wilshire 5000	44,455.17	+235.36	-8.27%
Russell 2000	2,033.51	+45.59	-9.43%

Commodities

FUELS	CLOSE	PREV.	YTD
Crude Oil (bbl)	84.02	85.14	+11.71%
Natural Gas (mm btu)	3.97	4.00	+6.30%
Unleaded Gas (gal)	2.42	2.44	+8.63%
METALS	**CLOSE**	**PREV.**	**YTD**
Gold (oz)	1,841.00	1,831.80	+.74%
Silver (oz)	23.80	24.31	+2.00%

(Previous and change figures reflect current contract.)

Foreign Exchange

	ForEx in U.S. $	U.S. $ in ForEx
Britain	1.3483	.7417
Canada	.7907	1.2648
China	.1580	6.3308
Euro	1.1322	.8832
Japan	.008788	113.79
Mexico	.048469	20.6317

Money Rates

	CLOSE	PREV. WK.
Prime rate	3.25	3.25
3-mo. T-Bill	0.20	0.13
6-mo. T-Bill	0.40	0.30
5-yr T-Note	1.53	1.55
10-yr T-Note	1.74	1.77
30-yr T-Bond	2.08	2.12

Global Markets

	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	%YTD
Frankfurt	15,011.13	-592.75	-3.80%	-5.50%
London	7,297.15	-196.98	-2.63%	-1.18%
Hong Kong	24,656.46	-309.09	-1.24%	+5.38%
Nikkei	27,588.37	+66.11	+.24%	-4.18%

Stocks of Local Interest

STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD %CHG
AMC Entertainment A (AMC)	16.64	-1.33	-38.8
AT&T Inc (T)	26.34	-.27	+7.1
Adv Micro Dev (AMD)	116.53	-2.28	-19.0
American Airlines Gp (AAL)	16.41	+.11	-8.6
Amphenol Corp (APH)	77.35	+.32	-11.6
Annaly Capital Mgmt (NLY)	7.59	...	-2.9
Apple Inc (AAPL)	161.62	-.79	-9.0
Avangrid Inc (AGR)	45.55	-.58	-8.7
Bank of America (BAC)	44.55	-.37	+.1
Barnes Group (B)	46.55	+1.01	-.1
Booking Holdings (BKNG)	2349.62	+3.76	-2.1
Brist Myr Sqb (BMY)	62.61	-.93	+.4
CVS Health Corp (CVS)	103.51	+1.95	+.3
Carnival Corp (CCL)	19.74	-.25	-1.9
Carrier Global Corp (CARR)	47.66	-.14	-12.1
Charter Communic (CHTR)	577.13	+7.44	-11.5
Cigna Corp (CI)	236.42	+.17	+3.0
Cisco Syst (CSCO)	56.90	+.22	-10.2
Citigroup (C)	62.70	-.57	+3.8
Cleveland-Cliffs Inc (CLF)	17.11	+.13	-21.4
Comcast Corp A (CMCSA)	50.07	+.34	-.5
ContextLogic Inc (WISH)	2.38	-.09	-23.5
Disney (DIS)	137.46	+.08	-11.3
DraftKings Inc (DKNG)	20.03	+.57	-27.1
EMCOR Group Inc (EME)	121.08	+4.10	-5.0
Ethan Allen (ETD)	25.30	+.93	-3.8
Eversource Energy (ES)	86.15	-.96	-5.3
Exela Technologies (XELA)	.41	+.02	-52.8
Exterran Corp (EXTN)	4.79	+1.79	+60.7
Exxon Mobil Corp (XOM)	72.79	+.62	+19.0
Ford Motor (F)	20.39	-.26	-1.8
FuelCell Energy (FCEL)	3.92	+.02	-24.6
Gen Dynamics (GD)	207.08	+.54	-.7
Gen Electric (GE)	96.91	+.61	+2.6
General Motors Co (GM)	52.64	-.64	-10.2
Hartford Fn Sv (HIG)	70.58	+1.26	+2.2
Honeywell Intl (HON)	204.45	-.65	-1.9
Horizon Tech Fin (HRZN)	14.35	-.06	-9.9
Infosys Ltd (INFY)	22.94	-.47	-9.4
Intel Corp (INTC)	51.94	-.10	+.9
Kaman (KAMN)	42.77	+1.42	-.9
Keycorp (KEY)	24.99	+.20	+8.0
Kohls Corp (KSS)	63.71	+16.87	+29.0
Lincoln Natl Corp (LNC)	66.56	-1.28	-2.5
Lucid Group Inc (LCID)	37.75	...	-.8

STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD %CHG
MGM Resorts Intl (MGM)	41.89	+.93	-6.7
Macy's Inc (M)	27.07	+4.13	+3.4
Magellan Health Inc (MGLN)	94.99	...	...
Meta Platforms Inc (FB)	308.71	+5.54	-8.2
MetLife Inc (MET)	65.41	-.20	+4.7
Microsoft Corp (MSFT)	296.37	+.34	-11.9
Novartis AG (NVS)	85.13	-1.90	-2.7
Nvidia Corporation (NVDA)	233.72	-.02	-20.5
Otis Worldwide Corp (OTIS)	83.23	+.12	-4.4
Palantir Technol (PLTR)	13.40	-.13	-26.4
Peloton Interactive (PTON)	29.71	+2.65	-16.9
Peoples Utd Fncl (PBCT)	19.22	+.69	+7.9
Pfizer Inc (PFE)	51.54	-1.25	-12.7
Pitney Bowes (PBI)	5.98	+.20	-9.8
Plug Power Inc (PLUG)	20.70	-.36	-26.7
Prudential Fncl (PRU)	109.44	-.57	+1.1
Pub Svc Ent Gp (PEG)	64.35	-1.09	-3.6
Raytheon Technolog (RTX)	88.12	+.91	+2.4
Robinhood Markets A (HOOD)	13.12	+.14	-26.1
Rogers Corp (ROG)	273.64	+.88	+.2
Roblox Corp (RBLX)	70.74	+1.81	-31.4
SS&C Technlogies (SSNC)	78.91	-.61	-3.7
Snap Inc A (SNAP)	31.80	-.32	-32.4
SoFi Technologies (SOFI)	13.30	-.59	-15.9
Stanley Black & Deck (SWK)	178.63	+3.02	-5.3
Starwood Prop Trust (STWD)	24.00	-.05	-1.2
Sundial Growers Inc (SNDL)	.46	-.02	-20.4
Terex Corp (TEX)	41.98	+.20	-4.5
Tesla Inc (TSLA)	930.00	-13.90	-12.0
Travelers Cos (TRV)	168.83	+6.22	+7.9
Uber Technologies (UBER)	36.28	+.34	-13.5
United Rentals (URI)	312.19	+15.02	-6.0
UnitedHealth Group (UNH)	462.27	+1.10	-7.9
Virtus Invest (VRTS)	262.42	+.91	-11.7
Voya Financial (VOYA)	68.94	-.80	+4.0
Webster Financial (WBS)	59.95	-.57	+7.4
Wells Fargo & Co (WFC)	53.32	-.35	+11.1
White Mtns Insur (WTM)	1006.37	-16.31	-.7
World Wrestling Ent (WWE)	50.00	+.35	+1.3
XPO Logistics Inc (XPO)	67.79	+1.17	-12.4
Xerox Holdings Corp (XRX)	20.98	-.71	-7.3
Zynga Inc (ZNGA)	8.93	-.06	+39.5

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OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Op-ed by assistant treasurer was misleading

The CT Mirror story "How state keeps unclaimed money away from public" [Connecticut, Page 1, Jan. 5] was an accurate portrayal of the state's mismanagement of unclaimed property. It was Assistant Treasurer Maria Greenslade's op-ed defending the program that was misleading [courant.com, Jan. 16, "Story on state's unclaimed money misled public"]. Greenslade cherry-picked the 55% return rate of 2020 — it's 37% (according to summaries on the state website) over the past five years — to claim that Connecticut's performance "ranked second nationally." Sadly, states generally are poor at returning unclaimed money. Both figures represent failure.

You needn't trust the CT Mirror nor the treasurer's self-assessment, however. Trust your eyes. Go to CTBigList.com and search for "City of," "Town of," "School," etc. You'll see money that the state could and should return. Greenslade touted the long-overdue upgrade to CTBigList.com, but the state's use of the website remains fundamentally wrong. CTBigList.com should be only for properties whose owners can't be found easily.

If the state knows a property's owner and address, the state should send a check, as Rhode Island does. If you find a wallet, you're legally obligated to return it. If you don't, that's theft. But the state unethically shifts the burden to owners to find and claim their money. That enables the state to pocket millions without making a good-faith effort to return money to owners the state recognizes. As the CT Mirror reported, CTBigList.com hides properties valued below $50, which total over $40 million. That practice must stop. The state treats unclaimed money as revenue and spends it. Through the Citizens' Election Fund, that money funds campaigns, an obvious conflict of interest. Greenslade describes this use of unclaimed money as being "for the public good." But any use of the money creates a disincentive for the state to return it, which likely explains the state's failure. The legislature must reform this program.

Ron Lizzi, Bethany

US health care should be nonprofit

On Jan. 13 The Courant splashed this headline across the front page: "Health care monopoly alleged." The headline might be absolutely correct, but there is a fundamental problem with the premise. One local hospital suing a rival health care entity because of its plans to crush or buy them out might fit the definition of a monopoly but also fits the definition of what is wrong with our health care system in general. We now have two badly needed health care providers in Hartford putting a knife to each other's throats. This is not about health care, it's about who makes the most money off the very people who can least afford it. A profit motive in supplying medical care and prescriptions is inherently not about servicing the needs of our neighbors, it's about how much of the profit goes to the top.

U.S. health care, prisons and higher education organizations, to name a few, should be barred from the for-profit business model. Making blood money off people with no place to turn happens more than you think and, in more places than you can imagine.

Michael Cashman, Newington

Larson has more than earned another term

I read The Courant's article [Connecticut, Page 1, Jan. 15, "Rep. Larson seeking his 13th term"]. Here we have a man who taught history and coached high school football in East Hartford. He served on the board of ed and the town council. He currently sits on the House Ways and Means Committee and is the Social Security subcommittee chairman. He has been a champion for Connecticut manufacturing and defense industry. He has worked to enhance Social Security benefits and to negotiate lower drug prices for Medicare beneficiaries. Opponents can throw around that old "corporate" nonsense all they want, but do they imagine themselves walking into that House chamber and being greeted with the same respect and clout that John has earned?

Pam Bergren, East Hartford



President Joe Biden meets with members of the Infrastructure Implementation Task Force to discuss the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law on Thursday in the Cabinet Room at the White House in Washington. **ANDREW HARNIK/AP**

OP-ED

The woes of Biden, caused by Biden

By Gary Franks

President Joe Biden has taken the Democrat Party to new lows.

The Dems have lost fourteen points in 12 months in a recent Gallop poll on who the American people want to run the country. Biden's and Vice President Kamala Harris' polling numbers are at historic lows for this time in their term.

How did we get here?

In 2020 the Democrats were riding a wave. Their disdain for former President Donald Trump was their trump card. Nearly the entire media and social media platforms allied with them. It was going to be easy.

They just had to put someone on the stage that people were "comfortable" with. And everybody knew the former vice president under former President Barack Obama.

Despite all the hoopla, the Democrats needed an extraordinarily strong black turnout as Trump had actually done something his predecessors failed to do: make headway with the black community to the chagrin of the Democrats.

Enter Biden's announcement to pick a black woman for the vice president early. With many choices, Rep. Karen Bass (Calif.) would have been a better one. She had extensive legislative experience, including being Speaker of the House of the nation's largest state legislature and chairwoman of the Congressional Black Caucus. She was also elected to Congress in 2010. But no. Biden went with a person, who, upon arriving in Congress, seemed to have a singular mission of getting to the White House. Yet Harris could not gain a single delegate for president, and bowed out before the race even began.

It is highly likely that Harris has less political/governing/legislative experience than any of our past vice presidents. Attorney General and prosecutor are atypical qualifications for the position. As a result, she is suffering the pains of "on the job training.

"The normal scrutiny, or the scrutiny that would usually accompany GOP selections for vice president - some of us remember the criticism of Dan Quayle, former President George H.W. Bush's choice in 1988 - was dismissed. Quayle was constantly hounded by the mainstream media as being a light weight, yet he had 12 years of legislative experience as a congressman and senator.

With the selection of Harris and Biden the Democrats and the mainstream media were giddy. All was good. Yet, we got a near 80-year-old in the White House, top House Democrat leadership in their 80s, and an 80-year-old (Majority Whip Jim Clyburn) anointing Biden in the primaries and an unseasoned vice presidential candidate. For me these were ominous signs for concern.

But they had ousted Trump. So, all was going to be good. After all, COVID-19 was killing people.

Well, at this point Biden has had far more COVID-related deaths than his predecessor, and that is with three vaccines. Now, he is fumbling the delivery of test kits and just recently advocated for more protective masks.

The media allows Biden to remain unaccountable for his campaign comments - "There are 220,000 Americans dead. Anyone responsible for that many deaths should not remain president of the United States of America." Today deaths are over 800,000.

In that vein, is there anyone in America other than the aforementioned leaders and their supporters who would not agree that Obama and Trump would have been impeached and possibly removed from office had they bungled Afghanistan like Biden managed to do?

Unfortunately, we may not have seen the full ramifications of that debacle. No one has been held accountable for it. So the buck stops with Mr. Biden. Here's what went wrong: — 13 dead Americans — the appearance of being chased out of Afghanistan, weakening American leadership. In other words: reputation erosion — an errant drone attack that killed American supporters — more than $50 billion worth of American military equipment left behind, which could now be used against us.

Add two big statements that did not match the facts: We would not leave any Americans behind — yet we did. All the generals did not express a different view from the president on the departure strategy — yet they did. Their ideas were not heeded.

Trump and Obama would have been impeached. However, Biden got a mulligan.

The question is trust. Can we trust Biden's judgment, competence, and willingness to make his statements match the facts? Biden must give us reasons to do so.

He should take on the tough challenges Americans face - inflation, national debt, the border crisis, crime in our cities, the rising cost of energy, supply chain difficulties, Russia, North Korea, China, solvency of Social Security and Medicare, instead of trying to give Americans "free stuff" all the time. Yes, Americans getting "free stuff" will poll well (duh!), but haven't Americans done just fine without more proposed "free stuff"? Yes, they have.

There's plenty to do. Mr. Biden, as you hit the re-set button remember that your greatest success (the Infrastructure Bill) came when you worked with Republicans.

More of that kind of effort and you will have the opportunity to bring America together.

Gary Franks served three terms as U.S. representative for Connecticut's 5th District. He was the first Black Republican elected to the House in nearly 60 years. He is the host of the podcast "We Speak Frankly."

OP-ED

Amid health care in Connecticut that is too expensive, public option is needed

By Ryan Koski-Vacirca

Health care in Connecticut is too expensive. One prescription: the public option

This past legislative session, the Connecticut General Assembly shelved consideration of a public option insurance plan after Gov. Ned Lamont threatened to veto the bill. In fact, 2021 marked the third consecutive legislative session where the proposed insurance plan did not receive a vote. But as a physician caring for Connecticut's most vulnerable residents in the emergency department, we know that the COVID-19 pandemic has exposed the shameful unmet public need for more support — and the evidence in support of the public option is clear. Now, more than ever, the Connecticut General Assembly should pass a public option for Connecticut.

The public option (Senate Bill 842) proposed to allow small businesses and nonprofits to buy the same health plan coverage offered to state employees. Most importantly, the bill utilizes federally available money to permanently eliminate premiums for families making less than 200% of the federal poverty limit. This public option won't fix the health care system in Connecticut. But it would make Connecticut residents healthier and will make health care more affordable for every person — not just people who don't have health insurance now. Many nonpartisan experts have detailed how this is possible. New gold standard research evidence shows that increasing the number of insured people reduces mortality — that is, fewer people die when they have health insurance coverage. If the public option increases the number of insured Nutmeggers, it might also drive down insurance prices across the board.

But this is not just expert opinion; it's the public's opinion, too. According to the nonpartisan nonprofit United States of Care, 71% of Connecticut residents support the public option, including 72% of small business owners, 82% of Black, Indigenous, and people of color, and 79% of people with a high school education or less. People instinctively know that health care in the United States provided without oversight does not work. Health care needs a push from local government to better serve the public.

Some lobbying groups — including insurance companies with offices here in Connecticut — have argued that the public option will increase costs and cause hospitals or doctors' practices to close up shop. Others have stated that temporary pandemic funding already closed the uninsured gap in Connecticut. In a consulting report funded by political dark money, insurance companies argue that vulnerable populations like rural Connecticut towns will lose: "When providers struggle, so do patients." But I am from rural Delaware and worked in search and rescue in rural New Hampshire. I am used to special interests appropriating our story to make a point — or to make some money.

In reality, the most recent evidence from other states suggests that the public option can reduce costs and provide a durable framework for future innovation. This current thinking also suggests that the Connecticut legislature's public option design might avoid doctor and insurance participation issues with other state public options. And unlike temporary pandemic funding, the public option is built to reduce costs in the long term with a permanent solution.

It's not possible to address the prices of the US health care system with one fix. The foremost experts and advocates agree that we need many smaller changes — at all sizes of government and practice — to keep Americans safe from rising prices. By chipping away one percent at a time, or even 1/10th of one percent, we build momentum and leave a better future for those behind us.

As a physician in the emergency department, I see the consequences of unaffordable health care every day. It's always the most psychologically challenging to care for patients who do not have the money or time to take care of their chronic medical conditions. One of the most common refrains in the electronic medical record? "Patient lost to follow-up." We know that 41% of Americans have foregone health insurance because they cannot afford it. We don't want to lose patients to follow-up anymore.

Connecticut's public option is a proud state contribution to the public's health. If the General Assembly has the will to act, peers and future legislators will view their actions as a defining legacy — a new chapter in American health care. What is more, momentum might build for other states to develop contributing alternative payment models to support the public's health. This has already happened in Colorado, Washington and Arizona.

The COVID pandemic laid bare all that we have ignored in the U.S. health care system for a century — including care that many cannot afford. The only thing left is for us to decide what we will do with the time left to fix it. The Connecticut public option is a perfect place to start.

Ryan Koski-Vacirca is a resident physician in the department of emergency medicine at Yale University.

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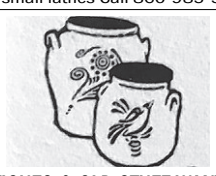
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1/25/22 & 1/27/22 7128664

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See Bid Documents for complete bidding instructions, CTDAS Prequalification and CHRO Set-Aside Requirements.

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OBITUARIES

Atspins, Rita C.Rectenwald



Rita Claire Atspins, 99, of Hebron, joined her late husband, Alphonse J. Atspins, in Heaven on the morning of Saturday, January 22, 2022. Born March 11, 1922 in Pittsburg, PA; she was the daughter of the late Daniel and Clara (Schober) Rectenwald. Rita met the love of her life, AL Atspins at Fort Devens, MA while they were both serving in the Army during WWII. Rita was a 1st Lieutenant Army Nurse stationed in Europe. She is a recipient of the American Campaign Medal, European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal and the World War II Victory Medal. Rita and Alphonse would marry in 1946, and were inseparable for 75 years. After the war, Al and Rita settled in East Hartford, CT where they raised their family and lived for 35 years. They retired to Maine, Florida and later Hebron. Rita was a devoted wife and mother as well as a devout member of Saint Andrews Roman Catholic Church. She was an RN at Hartford Hospital for 33 years. Rita enjoyed having her family at the lake house in Maine for their summer vacations. She was known for being an avid shopper, she was never one to pass up a sale and she always bought in bulk. It gave her joy to distribute those items to those in need. She will be sadly missed but always remembered with love by her children Carol Marchigiano and her partner, Bill Grabek of Colchester, Judith Petrofsky of Lebanon; grandchildren, Kristi Corporan of NC, Aaron Tupper and his wife Suzanne of Hebron, Jason Tupper and his wife Bree of Colchester and Bethany Petrofsky of VA; great grandchildren, Richard, Rebecca, Joshua, Dennis, Justin, Tyler, Zoey, Zachary and Sarah; great great grandchildren, Isabella, Madelyn, and Dillon; and numerous extended family members and friends. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her sons in law John Petrofsky and Dennis Tupper. Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 10 AM directly at the St. Andrew Church 128 Norwich Avenue Colchester, with full military honors following. In lieu of flowers the family asks that memorial donations be made in Rita's memory to the Glaucoma Research Foundation, at www.glaucoma.org For online condolences please visit www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com

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Dutko, Sara S.



Sara. S. Dutko, 93, wife of the late Dimitro M. Dutko, died Saturday, January 22, 2022, at MidState Medical Center after a brief illness.
Born in Hartford, CT on July 19, 1928, she was the daughter of the late Gaetano and Evelina (Marino) Lucerini. She has resided in The Village at Kensington Place, Meriden, CT. She graduated Bulkeley High School in Hartford, Class of 1947. She grew up in Hartford and her and her husband raised their family in Bloomfield moving to Meriden in the late 70's.
Sara was an active parishioner of St. Rose of Lima Church and her faith was very important to her. She enjoyed activities and people at the Meriden Senior Center. When her children and grandchildren were young, she volunteered at the school libraries at St. Rose in Meriden and Sacred Heart in Bloomfield.
She is survived by her two daughters: Mary Gold, Evelyn Gosselin and her husband Martin; two sons, Matthew Dutko and his wife Karen, and David Dutko, and one daughter-in-law, Lori Dutko. She is also survived by eight grandchildren: Louis Gold, Rachael Gold, Nathan Gosselin, Michael Dutko, Peter Dutko, Brian Dutko, Angela Carpenter, Danny Dutko; twelve great-grandchildren: Abigail Gold, Andrew Gold, Brielle Maney, Kolby Maney, Dylan Maney, Avery Gosselin, Abel Dutko, Calvin Dutko, Rowan Dutko, Ethan Dutko, Logan Dutko, and Nora Carpenter; and a great-great-granddaughter, Layla Foster. Sara was predeceased by her son, Timothy Dutko and her brother, George Lucerini.
Family and friends are invited to attend a funeral service to be held on Thursday, January 27th at 9 a.m. from the John J. Ferry & Sons Funeral Home, 88 East Main St, Meriden CT, 06450 and at 10 a.m. at St. Rose of Lima Church for a Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery. Family and friends may attend calling hours at the funeral home on Wednesday, January 26th from 4 to 7 p.m. Masks will be required during all services. Should friends desire, contributions in her memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association Connecticut Chapter, 200 Executive Boulevard Suite 4B, Southington CT, 06489, 860-828-2828. For online condolences please visit jferryfh.com

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Mantello, Concetta Pauline (Patti)



Pauline was born January 25, 1931, in New York City, NY. She lived in Licodea Eubea Sicily, Brooklyn NY, Hartford CT, and recently Cherry Hill NJ. Early in her career, Concetta was a seamstress, dressmaker, and for over 40 years, ran a loving daycare. Her daycare families meant the world to her, and it was her pleasure to watch the kids grow. She had a huge passion for cooking and entertaining family and friends at her famous holiday parties. Until the very end, Concetta's family was the most important thing in her life, and she will be deeply missed. Concetta passed away peacefully in the presence of God on January 15, 2022. She was predeceased by her parents Giuseppe and Carmella Patti, and her loving husband Angelo V. Mantello. She is survived by her daughter Linda Harrison and husband Robert, and her daughter Laura Marchetti and son-in-law Jeffrey Marchetti. She leaves behind three grandchildren Kody Harrison and Paul Harrison and their partners, Matthew and Mallory Marchetti, and expected great granddaughter Gemma. She also leaves behind Diana and Gregory Tortora and family, along with Joseph and Tina Patti. She is lovingly remembered by many extended family and friends whom she loved dearly. Services will be arranged at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please donate to St. Jude Hospital. www.DignityMemorial.com

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Guldager, Lars



Lars Guldager died peacefully on Friday, January 21, 2022 in Farmington, Connecticut, at the age of 89. He was born in 1932 in Pandrup, Denmark to Maren Guldager and Jens Guldager. His early education was in Pandrup, a small rural town in the north of Denmark. The peaceful nature of his childhood was interrupted by the invasion of Denmark by the Germans in 1940. Many of Lars' oft-told tales were of this time in his life.

Lars studied education at Ranum Seminarium. He and his first wife Susanne Bjorn-Jensen had a daughter, Trine Petersen. They were divorced a few years later. Lars' determination and dedication led to a productive and rewarding career in Education. His career began in Aalborg, Denmark, teaching deaf children at the State School for the Deaf. He was granted a Fulbright Scholarship in 1964 to study deaf-blind education at the Perkins School for the Blind in Watertown, Massachusetts. There he met his second wife Ginny Volk (since divorced in 1984). He returned to the School for the Deaf in Aalborg and established the first deaf-blind department in Denmark.

In 1968, Lars accepted an administrative position in the deaf-blind department at Perkins School for the Blind. He then worked as director of special education for the Lexington, Massachusetts Public Schools. He completed his PhD at Boston College. During this time, he and Ginny had two daughters, Alyssa and Nikolina Guldager.

The Connecticut Institute for the Blind recruited him as its executive director in 1976. Until his retirement at the age of 70, he worked to establish a large network of community based homes throughout Connecticut for adults and children who are developmentally delayed, many also blind or deaf-blind.

Lars' motto was borrowed from Frank Sinatra – "I did it my way." And he did! His fun, open and caring personality was reflected in his infectious smile, which will be greatly missed. He always said, "There is one thing we will never be short on – love!", and we never were.

Lars was predeceased by his parents and sister. He is mourned by his daughters Nikolina Guldager (Ed Mallek), Alyssa Guldager (Jonathan Chatfield), and Trine Petersen (Soren Petersen), his grand daughters Mia Petersen and Cecilie Petersen, and his great-grand daughters Althea Lynge Stougaard, Esther Marreth Lynge Stougaard, Karla Schuller Lynge. He will be greatly missed by his dear friend, Nan Levin.

If you are so inclined, consider making a donation in the memory of Lars Guldager, to Oak Hill School, Connecticut Institute for the Blind, Hartford Connecticut. https://oakhillct.org/donate-to-oak-hill/. A memorial service will be held later this year when covid infection rates decline.

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Pederzani, David



David Allyn Pederzani, 59, of Monson, MA, entered peacefully into eternal life on January 16, 2022, surrounded by loving family at Baystate Medical Center. David was born on January 30, 1962 to the late Basil and Dorothy (Davio) Pederzani and grew up on Shoemaker Lane in Agawam, MA with his three brothers. David was fearless in life and pursued his passions with unwavering determination. David proudly served his community actively participating on Shaker Pines and North Thompsonville Fire Departments. He also spent many years working as an EMT on Suffield Ambulance and Baystate Health Ambulance. He continued his career with Baystate for several years as an in-house EMT Transport and most recently as the Patient Registration supervisor for Baystate Medical Center. He enjoyed the freedom of his motorcycle and spent endless hours playing and recording music on his keyboard, but most important to him was his family. He donated a kidney to his brother Robert, who went on to enjoy life for another 26 years due to his brothers' selfless act of love. David worked tirelessly to provide for his family, to afford them the opportunity to succeed, and was unendingly proud of his sons, whom he would always happily share stories about. He actively participated with and supported his children in the Boy Scouts and Civil Air Patrol. He loved being active and enjoyed playing racquetball, softball, flag football, going bowling, and hiking. David is survived by his two sons, David J Pederzani of Warren, MA, and Steven Pederzani and his significant other Alisa Yeoman of Albuquerque, NM; Susan (Johnson) Pederzani of Enfield, CT to whom he was married to for 28 years and raised a family with ; his brothers, Donald and his wife, Doreen, of Warner Robins, GA, and Basil Pederzani and Lynn Hallett, of Easthampton, MA; his two grandsons, whom were the lights of his life, Riley and Alexander; and several nieces and nephews. David was predeceased by his mother and father Basil and Dorothy (Davio) Pederzani as well as his brother Robert "Bobby" Pederzani. Relatives and friends are invited to join the family for calling hours from 10:00 am -1:00 pm on Friday, January 28, 2022, at Leete-Stevens Enfield Chapels, 61 South Road, Enfield, CT 06082. A reception to celebrate the life of David will be held at Russo's Lakeside Seafood & Steak House, 702 River St, Palmer, MA 01069. Burial will be held privately at the convenience of the family. Donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project. To leave online condolences please visit www.leetestevens.com

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Browning, Marise E (Hollenbeck)



Marise Elizabeth Browning (nee Hollenbeck), 94, of Debary FL formerly of Waymart PA, naturally left this earthly life on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, to rejoin her loved ones with God's great glory in heaven. Marise enjoyed a long life as a loving wife, mother, and aunt to her family. She was a devoted wife who followed her husband, Roy "Rich" Browning for his work from PA to NY, CT, TX, NJ, and finally for retirement in FL, always enjoying meeting new friends and finding a new church home. Marise and Rich were blessed with 65 years of marriage. Travel, ballroom dancing, bowling, and active participation in her church in addition to raising her children were her joys in life. She loved to keep track of her friends and offer a kind word of support or celebration.
Marise was raised in a great generation which raised their own farm animals and grew vegetables in a garden for family sustenance. She understood the realities of life and had a daily appreciation of it. Marise was an exquisite seamstress and made beautiful clothes, including her daughter's wedding dress. Most of all, she was proud the children she raised.
Marise was predeceased by her husband, Roy Browning, in 2017 and her twin sister, Maxine Keller, in 2007. Her loving family will greatly miss her quick wit, smart intelligence with answers for whatever situation was brought to her for her wise guidance, and her amazingly feisty and fun personality. She leaves her 3 children: Tod (Carol) Browning of East Hampton CT and his son Craig Browning and sons Ryan and Drew; and son Kevin (Caitlin) Browning; Barbara (Bruce) AmEnde of Manchester CT and their sons Corey (Stacey) AmEnde and children Jackson, Mallorie and Dalton; Gregory (Lindsay) AmEnde, and their children Victor and Madison; Scot (Carole) Browning of Glenwood MD and their children Patrick (Hayden) Browning and Tyler (fiancé Dylan Lawrence) Browning.
Marise especially enjoyed her relationship with her niece Sherry Hilley of Apopka FL and her great nephew Lee Woods and his wife Paula of Longwood FL. Sherry brought great joy and adventures to Marise's life in FL. Lee and Paula were partners in their adventures and a meaningful, loving part of her FL family. We extend a very special thank you and much love to Sherry, Lee and Paula for their continual support, care and love to Marise. And a "yoohoo" to Paula!
A special thank you to Marise's homecare team lead by Carolyn Johnson. Chavon, Tracy and Naomi were a consistent, loving presence in Marise's daily life. They provided gentle, loving care in the safety and familiarity of her home, as she desired.
Due to COVID, there are no church services. A small service was held in the home for immediate family.
Marise had a special love for the care and well-being of children and supported St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Contribution information may be found through this link: https://www.stjude.org/give/memorials-and-dedications.html .

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Lehman, Stewart J



With his family by his side, Stewart J. Lehman, 76, of Simsbury, passed away on January 23, 2022 after a courageous two-year battle with Pancreatic Cancer. Stewart was the beloved husband of 53 years to Phyllis (Klatzkie) Lehman. Stewart was born in New Haven, CT on April 17, 1945 to Belle (Waldman) and Irving Lehman. Growing-up in New Haven, Stewart attended Roger Sherman Elementary School, Troupe Junior High School and then Hillhouse High School. Stewart went on to the University of Connecticut and received a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering and a M.S. in Mechanical Engineering. In 1968 after graduation, Stewart began his career at Pratt and Whitney where he worked on the development of the FT-50 gas turbine engine. In 1975, Stewart began working at United Technologies Research Center where he specialized in computer simulation of advanced manufacturing processes. In 1994, Stewart started his own consulting business that helped other companies optimize their manufacturing facilities. Stewart ended his career with Cyient where he focused on cost reduction initiatives associated with the manufacturing and development of various Pratt and Whitney engines. Stewart was a Boston Red Sox and UConn Husky fanatic, but the team he cheered for the hardest was his family. He cherished his roles as a husband to his wife, Phyllis, as a father to David (Jenn), Adam (Janice) and Marc (Jen), as a grandfather to Jack and Cassidy, Ian and Rachael, Alyssa and Harrison, as brother to Leslie Greenstein, as brother-in-law to Michael and Melanie Klatzkie, Marilyn Kurtz, as uncle to many nieces and nephews and as a friend to so many. Stewart loved traveling (to Aruba and Florida), reading (spy novels), watching sports, playing golf, eating Pepe's Pizza and following the stock market. Stewart and Phyllis have been long time members of Beth El Temple. A graveside funeral service with Rabbi James Rosen officiating will be held at 11:30 am on January 26, 2022 at The Hartford Mutual Cemetery, 74 Wolcott Road, Simsbury, CT 06070. Due to Covid restrictions, the family will observe a private period of mourning. In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations to the Simsbury Volunteer Ambulance Association or the Emergency Department at Hartford Hospital. The family would like to extend a special thank you to Dr. Hong and his entire team at the Hartford HealthCare Cancer Institute and the nurses on Conklin 2. The care and compassion they showed Stewart during his fight contributed to his optimism throughout his battle. Stewart's memory will be forever in our hearts. Funeral arrangements provided by Hebrew Funeral Association, West Hartford.

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Rohon, Claire B



Claire B. (Zebrowski) Rohon, of Plainville, died Thursday January 20, 2022. She was born, and raised, in New Britain where she attended local schools and became a member of the National Honor Society. After she, and her late husband Henry Rohon, raised their five children Claire returned to a career outside the home. She was employed at Central Connecticut State University in New Britain, and Hartford State Technical College until she retired in 1988.

In addition to a few overseas vacations, she and Henry enjoyed relaxing in Ogunquit, Maine and Cape Cod, Massachusetts savoring the local seafood.

Claire was predeceased by her husband of 62 years, Henry; sons David and Kevin Rohon; and daughter Andrea Principato (Rohon).

Claire is survived by sons Neil Rohon of Rocky Hill, and Daniel Rohon of Plainville. As well as nieces Judi Bryant of Wethersfield, and Kathleen Clayton of Glastonbury; daughter-in-law Beverly Rohon of Florida, former daughter-in-law Anna Cormier of Southington; two grand-children, and wonderful neighbors Paul Giannini and Sandra Breault.

Family and friends may visit Bailey Funeral Home, 48 Broad St, Plainville on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. A funeral service will be held at 12:00 pm with entombment to follow at St. Mary's Cemetery, 1141 Stanley St; New Britain. In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to the Plainville Community Food Pantry, Inc or the charity of your choice.

The Bailey Funeral Home of Plainville has been entrusted with the arrangements. To leave a message of remembrance or condolence, please visit www.bailey-funeralhome.com.

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Schafer, Jack R.



Jack R. Schafer, 58, passed away unexpectedly January 23, 2022. He was born on July 29, 1963 in Westphalia, Michigan, the son of John and the late Wilma (Droste) Schafer. He leaves behind his wife, soulmate, and best friend Liza (Carbone) Schafer; his two children, Jennifer (Michael) Ramsey and Tory (Rachel) Carbone; grandchildren Madyson, Isabella, Ava, Madison, Blakely, and Emilia. Also leaves behind his loving father John Schafer of Westphalia Michigan and sister Cris Schafer of Lansing, Michigan, and a large extended family and friends. Jack was an amazing man who leaves behind an incredible legacy of love, kindness and generosity. Always quick with a smile and helping hand, his sense of humor and quick wit will be sorely missed. Jack had a long and successful career as Senior Vice President, and Chief Client Officer at Crawford & Company, where his co-workers saw him as a mentor and friend. His favorite pastime was spending time with family and friends at their beach house. He loved hosting parties where he shared his homemade cider, manned the grill and enjoyed the company of his loved ones. Words cannot express the sorrow felt with his loss as we try to honor this wonderful man. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 10 am at St John's Church, 5 St Johns Ct, Cromwell, Ct 06416. A Christian burial will be held in Westphalia, Michigan with friends and family to celebrate his life at a later date. The Farley-Sullivan Funeral Home has care of the arrangements. To extend condolences, please visit Farleysullivan.com.

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Lollar, Jr., Kirby L.



Kirby L. Lollar, Jr. of Windsor, CT passed away peacefully on Friday January 14, 2022. Born March 4, 1969, son of Marilyn Lollar-Williams of Windsor, CT, and Kirby L. Lollar, Sr. of Ruffin, SC. He was raised in Bloomfield, CT where he graduated from Bloomfield High School and graduated from Hartford Academy of Hair Dressing Design as a teenager. His cosmetologist career was launched, and he was an immediate hit. He became one of Hartford's premiere stylists. By age 20, Kirby owned and operated one of Hartford's most successful and well-known Salons, Kirb's & Contours Salon for over 30 years. He has received many awards and accolades. He was honored with a Man of Distinction Award in 2019. Kirby was well known for his successful yet humble manner. He was a gentleman to all who met him. He serenaded his clients while styling their hair to perfection. It has been said that he gave the best shampoos in Hartford. He was more than just a business owner and entrepreneur. Kirby was proudest of this role as a father and grandfather to his three successful children and their close relationship. Kira, his only daughter says, "my father showed me how a man is supposed to support, nurture, and care for his lady." Sons Kirby and Evan have said many times that their dad lead by example on how to be a strong man and a loving and dedicated father. "No matter what the problem, the one person I called upon was my dad for sound and honest advice without judgement." Kirby's fiancé' Michelle says, "Kirby captured my heart from the beginning." They were to wed on March 4, 2023. Kirby's mother and sister Netta will forever miss his smile, big bear hugs, and the joy he brought to the entire family. Besides his father, Kirby, Sr. and mother Marilyn and her husband Richard D. Williams, Jr. of Windsor; he leaves his fiancé Michelle Brown; his only daughter Kira M. Lollar; two sons Kirby L. Lollar III and his wife YoRemi, and Evan C. Lollar and his wife Amber; 3 grandchildren Kaleb, Kenzon, and Evan Jr. Lollar; a sister Annetta Lollar- Wright and her husband Donnelll Wright and Delisa Hew;; two brothers Samuel J. Weston and Coby Cofield; and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. His family will receive friends Wednesday, January 26, 2022, from 11 am-12 pm followed by a Funeral Service at 12 PM at the LODGE Community Chapel, 130 Deerfield Road, Windsor. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. The Carmon Windsor Funeral Home is caring for the arrangements. For directions or condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com

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Maloney, Gail (Gillespie)



Gail Maloney (Gillespie), 67, of Enfield, Connecticut peacefully passed away on Sunday, January 16, 2022, at St. Francis Hospital holding her husband's hand after a courageous battle following a sudden cardiac arrest on November 30, 2021. Gail is survived by her loving husband of 43 years, Jim Maloney, and three daughters: Erin (Andy) Nolin; Heather (Jeremy) Shapiro; and Stephanie (Ryan) MacGillivary, all of Enfield; brother Hugh (Pat) Gillespie of Grosbek, Texas and two sisters: Cathy Grissom of Gainesville, Florida, and Beth (Don) Curty of Winchester, Tennessee. She is also survived by two brothers-in-law: John (Kathy) Maloney of Enfield and Thomas (Sandy Libby) Maloney of Cromwell, and two sisters-in-law: Annmarie Maloney of West Hartford and Kathy (Raphael) Garbalosa of Bristol. Gail leaves behind her best friend of over 50 years, Janice Stewart, special cousins Janice and John McDevitt, close family friend Sarah Mayo, and her extra "kids" – Nicole Gatcomb, Eric Michaelian, Kristin Petig and Holly Broderick. Gail is survived by 20 nieces and nephews along with many great and great-great nieces and nephews. Gail is predeceased by her parents Hugh (Henry) Gillespie and Agnes (Nancy Strathern) Gillespie, her older brother Robert Gillespie, and her in-laws, Thomas J. Maloney, and Rita (Ferrier) Maloney. Gail also leaves behind four "grand fur-babies" – Scarlett, Duncan, Ann, and Molly – all of whom she loved so much.

One of Gail's final wishes is that people refrain from wearing black – fire-engine red, bright pink, lime green, or any other cheerful color is encouraged! The family will receive visitors on Thursday, January at Browne Memorial Chapels (43 Shaker Road, Enfield, CT 06082) from 4-7 p.m. On Friday, January 28th her funeral will begin at the funeral home at 10:00 a.m. and then travel in procession to East Longmeadow United Methodist Church (215 Somers Rd, East Longmeadow, MA 01028) for a 11 a.m. service. A reception will follow at the American Legion Post 80 Lower Hall (566 Enfield Street, Enfield, CT 06082) Due to the COVID-19 pandemic; masks are required at both the funeral home and the church. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Gail Maloney Memorial Community College Scholarship Fund at the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving (10 Columbus Boulevard, 8th Floor, Hartford, CT 06106).

A larger celebration of life for all of Gail's friends, family and supporters will be held on July 16, 2022, at the American Legion Post 80 Pavilion (566 Enfield Street, Enfield, CT 06082)

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Kovacs, Emily



Emily Kovacs of Glastonbury, beloved wife of the late Darwin Kovacs, passed away peacefully with her children by her side on January 22, 2022. She was born in New York City on November 28, 1919 to Philip and Marietta Pollina. She was a graduate of Julia Richman High School and after graduation, worked in the operations department for Macy's where she became one of the first women supervisors. She and Darwin were married in 1945 and raised their family in Bridgeport and Glastonbury. She was an avid card player, and theater and movie buff where she volunteered for many years with The Jimmy Fund. She loved her family and friends (and made the best lasagna in town). Emily was a long-time employee of the State of Connecticut having worked in the Adult Probation, Highway and Public Works departments.

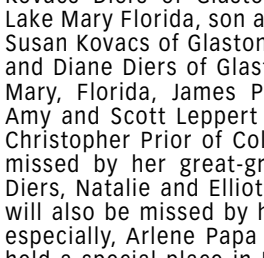
She will be dearly missed by her daughters Debra Kovacs Diers of Glastonbury and Pamela Proctor of Lake Mary Florida, son and daughter-in-law Darwin and Susan Kovacs of Glastonbury, her grandchildren Jasper and Diane Diers of Glastonbury, Adam Proctor of Lake Mary, Florida, James Proctor of Lake Mary, Florida, Amy and Scott Leppert of Glastonbury and Sarah and Christopher Prior of Columbia. She will especially be missed by her great-grandchildren Dylan and James Diers, Natalie and Elliott Leppert and Riley Prior. She will also be missed by her many nieces and nephews, especially, Arlene Papa of New York City, who always held a special place in Mom's heart. Besides her husband Darwin, she was predeceased by her parents, her sisters Rose Papa and Josephine Florio, her brothers Charles Pollina and Paul Pollina, her sister-in-law Louise Kripinger and her son-in-law Howard Proctor.

Please remember Emily by doing a good deed, passing on a kind word, making a donation to the Alzheimer's Association of Connecticut (200 Executive Blvd, Suite 4B, Southington, CT 06489) or to the charity of your choice. Emily's family would like to especially thank the staff and management of Brookdale Buckingham in Glastonbury and VITAS Hospice – your love and caring for our Mom made her journey a bit easier. There are no calling hours, but a Celebration of Emily's life will be planned for the summer. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. The Farley-Sullivan Funeral Home, Glastonbury, has care of the arrangements. For further information, or to leave a condolence, please visit FarleySullivan.com

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Ruppert, Kimberly R. (Rozanski)



Kimberly R. (Rozanski) Ruppert, 61, beloved wife of Steven Ruppert, of Manchester, passed away on Wednesday, January 5th, 2022, at Manchester Memorial Hospital. She is the daughter of the late Samuel Rozanski and Lorraine (Scott) Rainey.

She is survived by her husband Steven, her daughter Marissa Rozanski of Brooklyn, NY, her brother Michael Rozanski and his wife Dreama, her sister Lynn Trombley, sister-in-law Susan Ruppert, sister-in-law Kelly Rozanski, nephews Bill Rozanski and Justin Trombley, nieces Holly Rozanski and Bethany Trombley, along with several grand nieces and nephews, and cousins. Besides her parents, she was also predeceased by her brother William Rozanski.

In lieu of flowers, with Kim's love for animals and passion for helping those in need, memorial contributions can be made to the ASPCA or The Connecticut Food Bank.

Services are private and will be held at the convenience of the family. For online condolences, please visit www.tierneyfuneralhome.com.

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Cabral, Maria Rosa



Maria Rosa Cabral, 84, of Hartford, beloved wife of the late Antonio Jacinto Cabral, passed away on Sunday, January 23, 2022, with her loving family by her side. Maria was born in Santa Maria, Azores, Portugal, daughter to the late Jose Cabral and Palmira da Conceicao Curvelo. Maria was a lifelong resident of Hartford. She was employed by the Travelers Insurance Company for many years and was a communicant of our Lady of Fatima Church in Hartford.

Maria is survived by her three loving daughters, Joanne M. Cabral of Hartford, Lucy Andrade of Hartford and Guida Silva and husband Jose Silva of Rocky Hill. She also leaves her son-in-law Jose Andrade; four grandsons, Joey Andrade, Kyle Silva, Dylan Silva and Aiden Cabral; two sisters Urinia Cabral of Wethersfield and Helena Cabral of Cromwell and many nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents and late husband, Maria was predeceased by her two sons Jose Antonio Cabral and Frank Curvelo Cabral, her late sister Dinoria Coelho and her two brothers Joaquim Curvelo Cabral and Antonio Curvelo Cabral.

Visitation will be Thursday, January 27, 2022, from 9:30-10:30 am at the Sheehan-Hilborn-Breen Funeral Home, 1084 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Fatima Square, 50 Kane Street, Hartford at 11:00 am. Burial will follow at Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford. Online condolences may be made at www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com

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Quagliaroli, Susan C.Cutler



Susan (Cutler) Quagliaroli, 89 of Windsor Locks, loving wife of the late Donald C. Quagliaroli, entered into eternal rest, Thursday, January 20, 2022, at home with her family by her side. Susan was born, November 16, 1932, in Hartford, daughter of the late Henry L. Cutler II and Elizabeth (Morris) Cutler. She worked at Hamilton Standard, Grants Department Store, and finally retired from Alstom Engineering (formerly Combustion Engineering). She especially enjoyed looking after her grandchildren as they were growing up as well as riding her bike, making apple pies for family on their birthdays and taking care of her animals and the families' animals. Susan was married to Donald for 66 years before his passing in 2018. Susan had three sons, Gary Quagliaroli and his wife Alice, the late Brian J. Quagliaroli and his wife Brenda, and Donald H. Quagliaroli and his wife Lisa all of Windsor Locks. She also leaves eight grandchildren, Michael Quagliaroli and his wife Krystal and their children Xavier and Ellie, Timothy Quagliaroli and his wife Kristen and their children Mila and Rowan, Sara Quagliaroli and her husband Colin Van Alstine, Joshua Quagliaroli and his wife Jessica, Brian L. Quagliaroli, Jessica Samson and her husband Dan and their daughter Morgan, Eric Quagliaroli and his wife Karen and their daughter Kaylee, and Angela Quagliaroli; and several nieces and nephews. Besides her husband and parents Susan was predeceased by a sister Judy Lisitano and two brothers Henry L Cutler, III and Charles Cutler. Susan's family would like to thank Season's Hospice, Alice of Heaven's Hands, and Ana of Polish Caregivers for their compassionate care. Her family will receive friends Saturday, January 29, 2022, from 11:00 AM-12:00 PM followed by a Memorial Service at 12:00 PM at the Carmon Poquonock Funeral Home 1816 Poquonock Avenue, Windsor. Burial will follow in Grove Cemetery, Windsor Locks. Contributions may be made to either Smalley Brothers VFW Post #6123, 36 Fairview St. Windsor Locks, CT 06096 or the CT Humane Society, 701 Russell Road, Newington, CT, 06111 For directions or condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com

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DiPace, Anthony M.



Anthony M. "Tony" DiPace, 62, of Enfield, entered into eternal peace on Saturday January 22, 2022, at his home, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born on January 19, 1960 in Hartford, CT, the son of the late Concetto and Angela DiPace. After the untimely death of his mother in 1963, Tony was raised by Wee and Rose Crowley in Enfield, where he remained a longtime resident. He was a member of the Class of '78 at Fermi High School and later graduated at the top of his class from the United Technical School in Springfield, MA.. Tony was an ASE Certified Master Mechanic and owned and operated his own automotive business, "Hazardville Motors" in Enfield for 34 years. His greatest enjoyment in life was spending his free time with his son. Tony still found the time to dedicate 40 years to the Enfield Democratic Town Committee. He also served as Chairman of the Committee and was a member of various town boards, commissions, and committees, including serving as Chairman of the Enfield Planning & Zoning Commission. On October 16, 2021 he received The William "Red" Edger, Jr. "Democrat of the Year" Award for his Dedicated Service to the Town of Enfield, CT. Tony was a communicant of St. Patrick Church and a longtime member of the Mount Carmel Society in Enfield. He is survived by his beloved son, Anthony and his dear friend, Lindsey. He also leaves his brothers and sisters, Carl DiPace, Angela Valente, Valerie Norris, Patrick Crowley , Thomas Stevens, Darrell Crowley Kathy, Kevin Crowley, Cheryl Crowley , Roy Crowley , Benji Ortiz, Robert Ortiz, and Sandra Pouliot; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sisters, Frances Coro and Carol DiPace Greene. A special thanks to his brother Pat and his wife, Barbara, who were a tremendous help to during his illness. He was extremely grateful to Elizabeth Davis for organizing a fundraiser and appreciative of the overwhelming love and support that he received from friends and family. Relatives and friends are invited to join the family for calling hours on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 from 4 – 7 pm at Leete-Stevens Enfield Chapels, 61 South Road, Enfield, CT 06082. A procession will gather at the funeral home at 9:00 am on Thursday, January 27, 2022, for a Mass of Christian Burial to be celebrated at St. Patrick Church, 64 Pearl Street, Enfield, CT 06082 at 10:00 am. Burial will follow at St. Patrick's King Street Cemetery. The family suggests that expressions of sympathy may be in the form of memorial donations to the Connecticut Alliance of Foster and Adoptive Families (CAFAF), 2189 Silas Deane Hwy #2, Rocky Hill, CT 06067. To leave online condolences please visit www.leetestevens.com

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O'Connor, Thomas C.



Town Councilman Thomas Charles O'Connor, 70, passed away on January 8, 2022 at Baystate Medical Center. Tom was born in Springfield, MA on June 23, 1951 to the late Maurice and Lillian (DiLeo) O'Connor. He graduated from Bloomfield High School in 1970 and had served on the Blue Hills Volunteer Fire Department in Bloomfield, CT during his young adult life.

Tom was employed for 33 years at Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance and Mass Mutual prior to his retirement. Since 2006, Tom held a variety of positions for the Town of East Longmeadow including Animal Control Officer, Election Commission member, Chair of the Capitol Planning Committee, Charter Commission member, and most recently as Town Councilman. Tom took great honor in representing the people of East Longmeadow both as an elected official and as a proud resident. A member of the Italian-American Club and the Knights of Columbus #9960, he enjoyed playing cards with friends. Tom was an avid golfer and fisherman, but his favorite pastime was spending time with his family who he loved deeply. "Sonny Boy," as he was affectionately called by his mother and sisters, will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Tom is survived by his wife, Evelyn Carpenter; daughter, Dawn O'Connor, of Sykesville, MD; stepson, Dylan Carpenter, of Wareham, MA; granddaughter, Jocelyn Abrahamzon, of Sykesville, MD; sisters, Ellen Dombrowski of Preston, CT, Patricia Barnard and her husband, Bruce, of Windsor, CT, Barbara Jones of Suffield, CT, Peggy Poirier and her husband, Michael, of Connecticut and Florida; a large extended family including beloved nieces, nephews, and cousins; and many good friends. Tom was preceded in death by his sister, Shirley Bower.

All services for Tom are private. Memorial donations may be made to the East Longmeadow Veterans Memorial, c/o Peoples Bank, 201 North Main St, East Longmeadow, MA 01028.

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Skinner King, Phyllis

Phyllis Skinner King, 97, passed into her forever home in heaven on Sat, Jan. 15, 2022. Born in 1924, the daughter of Griswold Chappell and Bernice (Allen) Chappell of Manchester, CT. Phyllis was a lifelong Connecticut resident.

At age 18 she married Robert E. Skinner of Vernon and they had two daughters. In 1988, after 45 years of marriage, she was predeceased by her husband, Robert Skinner. In 1990, she married again to Robert King of Rockville, who predeceased her in 2018 after 28 years of marriage. In 2010, she was predeceased by her beloved daughters, Marilyn Skinner Chase of Coventry and Dianne Skinner McLaughlin of Pittsburg, NH.

She worked for many years at various jobs, retiring from First National Stores after 35 years of employment. She was very proud that in her lifetime she traveled to 49 states, many provinces in Canada and to Europe. She was an active member of Rockville United Methodist Church, where she enjoyed greeting members and visitors alike with a hug.

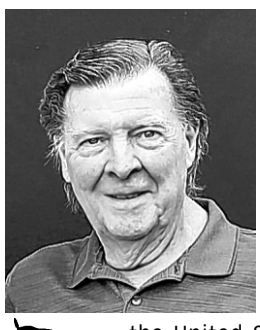
She is survived by her 4 grandchildren, Beth McLaughlin of Rockville, Eric (Shellie) Chase of Chaplin, Scott McLaughlin (Bobbi-Jean) of Webster, MA, Laura Jean (Ed) Nuno of Coventry; 6 great grandchildren, Stacia, Scott Patrick, Justin, Andrew, Chase, Alyson; 2 great-great grandchildren, Eternity and Aiden; 1 great-great-great-grandchild, Kaden and a
number of nieces and a nephew.

Calling hours will be held at the Burke-Fortin-Small & Pietras Funeral Home, 76 Prospect Street, Rockville on Friday, Jan. 28, 2022 from 4 to 7 pm. A funeral service will be held at Rockville United Methodist Church, 142 Grove Street, Rockville on Sat. Jan. 29, 2022, at 10:00 am (Please meet at church) with graveside services immediately following at Elmwood Cemetery in Vernon CT.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Phyllis' name to a charity of your choice. For directions or condolences please visit; www.pietrasfuneralhome.com

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Rockwell, Frederick



Frederick "Rick" Rockwell, 78, of Windsor Locks, beloved husband of 42 years to Elizabeth (Golden) Rockwell, peacefully passed away on Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at St. Francis Hospital. Son of the late, Frederick K. and Helena E. (Vibert) Rockwell, he was born in Hartford on February 21, 1943. He grew up in Glastonbury, and proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps during the Cuban Missile Crisis where he spent 54 days and 54 nights on a ship circling Cuba. He worked as a computer programmer at a number of locations, including Emhart, Scan Optics, and United Technologies, retiring at the age of 66. Since retiring he has worked as a bus driver for First Student and a member of Teamsters Local 671. Outside of work, Rick enjoyed working on cars, bowling, playing games and telling jokes with family. He will be remembered for his uncanny ability to fix nearly anything with a rope, duct tape and paper clip, and for his great sense of humor.

In addition to his beloved Elizabeth, Rick is survived by his children, Jennifer Rockwell-Scanlon and her husband Joseph of Paris, France, James Griffith and his wife Stacey of Chicago, IL, Kari Maura and her husband Bryan Dowling of East Hartford, Charles Rockwell and his wife Susanne of Windsor Locks, Crystal Siemienkowicz and her husband Jason of Suffield, and Thomas Rockwell of Windsor Locks; 10 grandchildren, Dakota Rockwell, Ariana Griffith, Stephen Maura II, David Griffith, Chance Maura, Abigail Rockwell, Daniel Rockwell, Joseph Scanlon, Brooke and Benjamin Siemienkowicz; his sister Nadine Lester and her husband Bruce of Glastonbury, and many nieces, nephews and extended family.

Burial will be private, followed by a celebration of life, at the convenience of the family. Donations in Rick's memory may be made to St. Jude's Childrens Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place Memphis, TN 38105. For online condolences, please visit www.windsorlocksfuneralhome.com.

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George, Joycelyn



Joycelyn G. George, 66, of Hartford, CT entered into eternal rest on Monday, January 3, 2022. Joycelyn was born in Saint John, Antigua on September 27, 1955 to the late Hanzel George and Elemena George.

A celebration of life for Joycelyn will take place on Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 3:00pm with a visitation from 2:00pm – 3:00pm at Henry L. Fuqua Funeral Service (A Division of Howard K. Hill Funeral Services), 94 Granby Street, Bloomfield, CT 06002. Ms. Joycelyn's final celebration will be held once services are concluded at 181, Homestead Avenue, Hartford, CT, 06112. To leave a message of comfort for the George family and view the full obituary, please visit, www.hkhfuneralservices.com

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Officials warn of bogus COVID-19 tests

Blumenthal, Tong say price gougers, scammers forcing retailers to charge more for kits

By Jesse Leavenworth
Hartford Courant

Scammers and price gougers are taking advantage of the heavy demand for COVID-19 test kits, U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal and Connecticut Attorney General William Tong said Monday.

In a news conference at the Charter Oak Health Center in Hartford, the officials said con artists are selling bootleg and bogus test kits while manufacturers and suppliers have forced retailers to charge far more than the kits are worth.

Blumenthal said a Shelton man seeking a test kit for his son complained of a $60 price tag. The man said he felt like a crime victim, Blumenthal said.

"You are right," he said. "A crime is being committed on you. ... These tests are not a luxury; they are a necessity."

Charter Oak Health Center President and CEO Nichelle Mullins said price gouging "is beyond immoral — it's dangerous."

"A pandemic is not a time to make a profit," Mullins said, calling on lawmakers to protect the public.

Tong said it is illegal to charge far above the normal retail price and his office is ready to investigate complaints. However, under current state law, the attorney general cannot go "up the chain" to target wholesalers and manufacturers, Tong said. He said he is seeking a change in the law.

Tong cautioned people against buying test kits from online marketplaces such as eBay. Blumenthal said some scammers have set up fake websites posing as the U.S. Postal Service to victimize people seeking kits.

Unlike the state government, federal officials can go up the line and levy fines against manufacturers and suppliers, Blumenthal said. He said he has been urging the Federal Trade Commission to get tough with COVID con artists.

The rip-offs are nationwide. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General warns that scammers are using telemarketing calls, text messages, social media platforms and door-to-door visits. Fraudsters are offering COVID-19 tests, HHS grants, and Medicare prescription cards in

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"A crime is being committed on you. ... These tests are not a luxury; they are a necessity."

— U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal

COVID-19 has inmate visits with lawyers on restriction

Connecticut Department of Corrections puts limits on New Haven, Bridgeport jails

By Edmund H. Mahony
Hartford Courant

The state Department of Correction is restricting in-person legal consultations between inmates and their lawyers because of a surge in coronavirus infections, correction officials and defense lawyers said.

The restrictions so far are limited to legal visits at the New Haven and Bridgeport correctional centers, where a corrections spokeswoman said the recent wave of infections traced to the omicron variant has had the greatest impact.

The limited visitation policy is part of what the correction department calls a "phased operational plan," which the department said has been successful in controlling infections by reducing access to prisons and jails.

"We utilize a phased facility operational plan that is adjusted accordingly with the level of COVID-19 virus positivity, at any given time, within each individual facility," spokeswoman Ashley McCarthy said.

"The restrictions, although inconvenient, are warranted, as the agency's adherence to the phased operational plan has consistently resulted in a COVID-19 positivity rate among the incarcerated population well below that of the general public," McCarthy said.

Both in-person legal visits and video conferences between inmates and lawyers are suspended at the New Haven and Bridgeport jails, she said. She said inmates and lawyers can continue to speak by telephone and exchange legal documents.

"Legal visits are the last to be put on hold and will resume as soon as we are safely

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Cloteal L. Horne in Anna Deavere Smith's "Fires in the MIrror," through Feb. 6 at the Long Wharf Theatre. **T CHARLES ERICKSON**

THEATER REVIEW

RACIAL DRAMA GETS NEW LOOK

'Fires in the Mirror' on stage at Long Wharf

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

Anna Deavere Smith's "Fires in the Mirror" still sparks emotions. A rethinking of her multi-voiced, deeply researched one-woman show at the Long Wharf Theatre has a different performer, style, pace and impression than the original, but shocks and enlightens on its own terms.

"Fires in the Mirror" is a journalistic oral history of a fatal accident in the Crown Heights area of Brooklyn in the summer of 1991 that led to rallies, riots, another death and ongoing tensions between the area's Black and Jewish communities.

The show, which the playwright originally performed herself, is done now by Cloteal L. Horne, who brings a youthful energy and an ear for dialects and verbal tics to the dozens of characters brought to life in this expansive tale of community, religion, culture, anger, violence, retribution and, it is hoped, redemption and rebuilding.

Smith conducted dozens of interviews to create the piece, just months after the events she documents, and made some

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"Fires in the Mirror"

What: By Anna Deavere Smith, performed by Cloteal L. Horne
Where: Long Wharf Theatre, 222 Sargent Drive, New Haven
When: Through Feb. 6; performances are Tuesday at 7 p.m.; Wednesday at 2 p.m. (plus 7 p.m. on Feb. 2); Thursday and Friday at 7 p.m.; Saturday at 2 p.m. (except Feb. 5, when it's 8 p.m.); and Sunday at 2 p.m.
Tickets: $59
Information: longwharf.org.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

State numbers show dramatic improvement

Cases, hospitalizations in Connecticut dropping fast

By Alex Putterman
Hartford Courant

Connecticut continues to see significant improvement in its COVID-19 metrics, state numbers show, signaling an approaching end to its latest coronavirus surge.

The state on Monday reported an 11.4% test positivity rate, the lowest since late December, and a decrease of more than 200 COVID-19 hospitalizations.

Though cases and hospitalizations remain higher than during most of last year, they have declined substantially over the past two weeks, leading to optimism that the state has survived the worst of the omicron variant. Like other places slammed by omicron, Connecticut experienced an intense spike in cases over about a month before reaching an apparent peak.

Dr. Ulysses Wu, chief epidemiologist at Hartford HealthCare, said Monday that Connecticut could possibly move toward a future in which COVID-19 is endemic, meaning it continues to spread but not at a crisis level, with possible seasonal outbreaks.

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Electric Boat is on a hiring spree

US military strategy faces threats from China, Russia

By Stephen Singer
Hartford Courant

Submarine manufacturer Electric Boat said Monday it plans to hire more than 3,000 workers this year, a 20% increase over 2021 as U.S. military strategy faces rising threats from China and Russia.

"Our need to hire is persistent and it will continue as far as the eye can see," Kevin Graney, president of Electric Boat, a subsidiary of General Dynamics Corp., said at the manufacturer's annual legislative briefing.

EB, with shipyards in Groton and Quonset Point, Rhode Island, has been on a hiring spree for years in what Graney called a "once in a generation" expansion building Virginia-class attack submarines and ramping up construction of the next-generation ballistic submarine, the Columbia.



Kevin Graney, president of General Dynamics Electric Boat, speaks at a news conference. **COURANT FILE PHOTO**

"The demand for submarines from my perspective has never been greater," he said. "I want to make sure the audience understands and spreads the word: Electric Boat is hiring."

With nearly 18,000 employees, EB is the largest private employer in Connecticut and Rhode Island. About 62% are Connecticut residents and 32% live in Rhode Island.

EB has delivered 19 Virginia-class submarine, accounting for 62% of sales. Nineteen more submarines are in backlog, Graney said. The Columbia-class submarine accounts for 28% of sales that will rise in the next decade to equal sales from Virginia-class ships.

By the end of the decade revenue at EB will double to about $15 billion.

Rep. Joe Courtney, whose district includes EB's Groton shipyard, said Congress and President Joe Biden have authorized $13.4 billion this year in submarine-related production, maintenance and research and development.

U.S. military strategy seeks to overwhelm adversaries in an "asymmetric advantage" with nuclear-powered submarines equipped with nuclear-tipped missiles.

Sen. Richard Blumenthal, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said the U.S. presence in the North Atlantic and Mediterranean is "very, very meaningful" as

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NORWICH

Detectives investigate deadly double shooting

By Christine Dempsey
Hartford Courant

Detectives are investigating a deadly double shooting in Norwich, police said early Monday.

Two people were wounded in the Sunday shooting at a home on School Street. One survived and was taken to Backus Hospital, the other died at the scene, police said.

The shooting was originally reported as a disturbance, police said.

As police began to investigate, they learned that there had been a fight.

Investigators remained at the scene early Monday.

Anyone with information about the fatal shooting is asked to call Norwich police at 860-886-5561 and ask for the detective division.

This is the second deadly shooting in Norwich this year. The first happened at Mohegan Commons apartments on North Street Jan. 2, police said at the time.

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WATERBURY

Pedestrian, 60, dies after being hit by car

By Christine Dempsey
Hartford Courant

A 60-year-old man died after he was struck by a car Sunday in Waterbury, police said.

The collision happened shortly before 12:15 a.m. near 423 Thomaston Ave. A 2010 Toyota Avalon struck him, police said. The injured man was taken to Waterbury Hospital, where he died.

The driver stayed at the scene and is cooperating with investigators, police said.

Online street-view images of the area show that there appear to be no streetlights in the area where the man was struck.

The collision remains under investigation by the police department's Crash Reconstruction Unit. Anyone with information about it is asked to call the Waterbury Police Department's Crash Reconstruction Unit at 203-346-3975.

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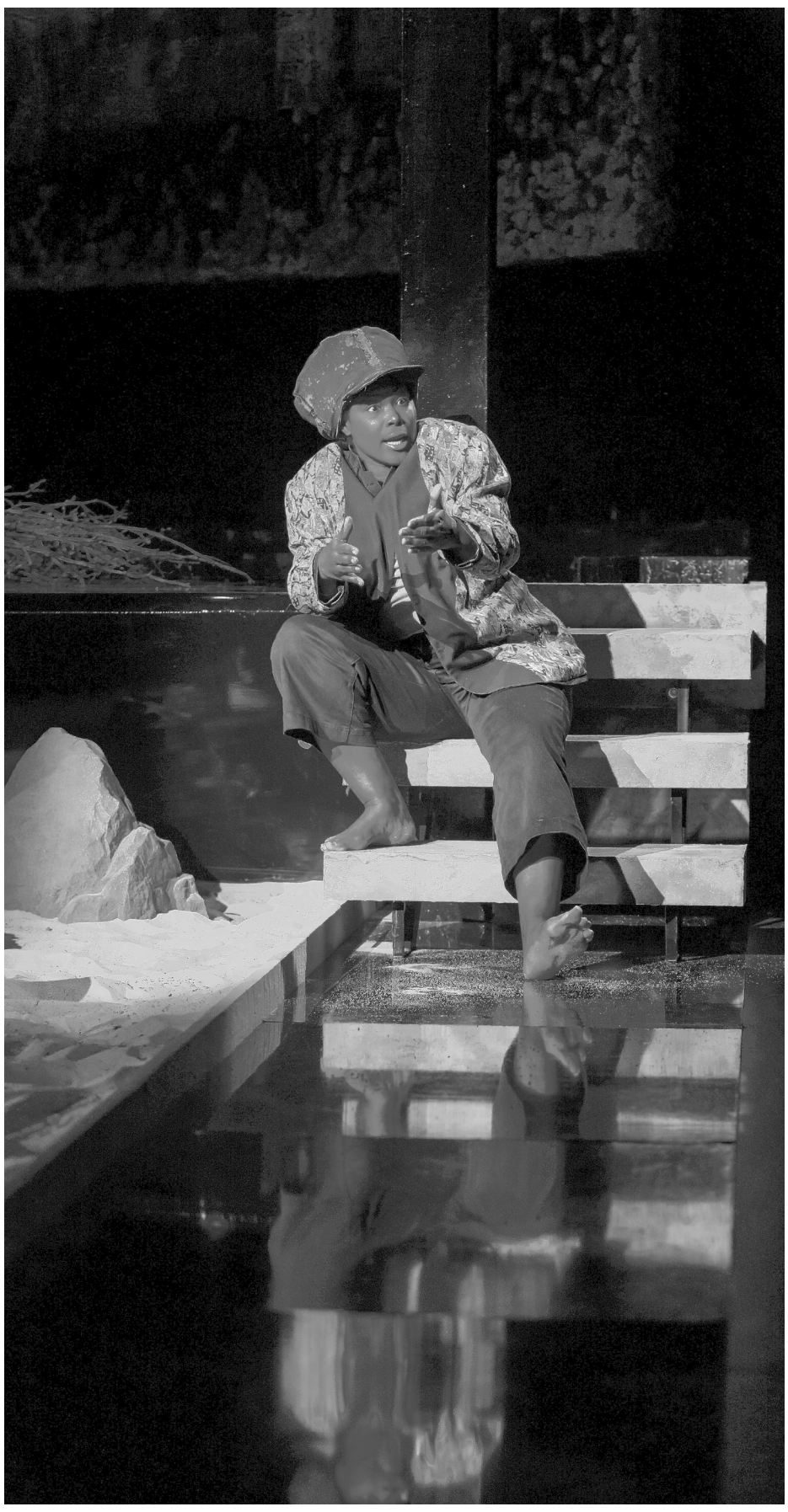
important choices. She keeps it about the communities involved rather than expanding it, as she could have, to comment on the Crown Height riots affected other parts of New York City and affected the political fortunes of the mayor and others.

But Smith also doesn't get to the real details of the three incendiary days of August 1991 until the second half of the show. The first half is spent carefully setting the scene. We meet members of the orthodox Jewish community and street rappers. As in many of her other works (including "Twilight: Los Angeles 1992" and "Let Me Down Easy," also performed by her at the Long Wharf back in the day), Smith gets a bit starstruck. Among the characters portrayed in "Fires in the Mirror" are Al Sharpton, Angela Davis, Ntozake Shange and (for theater buffs) George C. Wolfe. There are stories told about Alex Haley, Louis Farrakhan and Lorne Green.

Despite happening 30 years ago, there's still a torn-from-the-headlines sense to "Fires in the Mirror." The language of the some of the participants in the violent street battles described in the play foreshadow what was heard at Charlottesville. The characters get a chance to argue their points and air their grievances at length. It can get nasty.

"Fires in the Mirror" has this human-based, real-life, interview-fueled center, but the Long Wharf production directed by Nicole Brewer (a theater artist and theorist who has brought her anti-racist theater workshops to Yale University, Connecticut College and around the country) adds abstractions and artistic distractions, making the history mix dreamlike and disorienting.

There are artistic, flowing animated projections (designed by Camilla Tassi) on a gigantic screen that fills the whole back of the stage. The main stage area is a round sandpit, inside another sandpit, with some further surprises inside those (beautifully executed by scenic designer Diggle).



Cloteal L. Horne stars in playwright Anne Deveare Smith's "Fires In the Mirror" at the Long Wharf Theatre. **T CHARLES ERICKSON**

It's fair to ask if all this frippery, awesome as it may be, is necessary. When Smith performed the then-new piece at the Long Wharf herself in 1993, a bare stage, with simple lighting and straightforward subtitles was all that was needed. Smith is not as physical a performer as Horne, preferring to make her points with gestures like outstretched palms or arched eyebrows. Theatrical elements were downplayed while the arts of storytelling and conversation were emphasized.

Horne, by contrast, throws herself bodily into the dozens of roles, and the wild scenic design gives her the playground she requires.

No aspect of a night out of that theater goes unnoticed by the Long Wharf these days. There was an opening night speech on Thursday by Long Wharf Managing Director Kit Ingui, welcoming us to the theater.

Then the show's star entered, as herself, welcoming us again with a description of what we were about to see that amounted to a whole new opening for the show. There's a new ending as well, with the audience participating in an uplifting closing message.

Part of the Long Wharf lobby has been turned into a "meditation and reflection space" where one can decompress during intermission. The show is presented with the caveat that it contains "strong language and references to racism, slavery, lynching, anti-semitism, sexual violence and the Holocaust," so the space may be of some use to shake off some of those images.

"Fires in the Mirror" works hard to earn your attention — harder than it needs to, but the effort is appreciated. Horne crafts characters from much more than voices. When she fastens a bow tie around her neck to become Minister Conrad Mohammed, an associate of Farrakhan, the action stiffens her body. When she's the female rapper "Big Mo," she struts and dances.

Some of the impersonations, just like some of the design elements and some of the added text, are too much, gratuitous. But "Fires in the Mirror" is still a profound story of community unrest that is very much worth telling again, not as an expression of its own time but of ours.

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Russian leader Vladimir Putin threatens military action against Ukraine.

"Undersea warfare, because we're talking about the Mediterranean and about the Black Sea as potential areas of tension and conflict, is very much in play even though it isn't directly involved in the confrontation in eastern Ukraine," he said.

Courtney, a member of the House Armed Services Committee, said Russia is staging military exercises at the site of its northern fleet that includes its submarines.

"There's no question that our undersea fleet is going to be very busy at this very tense moment and is definitely going to play a big role in terms of making sure that whatever possible conflict may emerge that it does not escalate into something more serious," he said.

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able to do so," she said.

Many of the inmates in the Bridgeport and New Haven jails, like those held at the Hartford Correctional Center, are being held on a pretrial basis because they were unable to post bond.

Defense lawyers have complained throughout the pandemic that pre-trial inmates suffer most from the inability to plan defense strategy during in-person conversations.

New Haven defense lawyer Alex Taubes said Sunday that defense lawyers in New Haven and Bridgeport were being denied access to incarcerated clients last week and told the restriction was to "ensure the health and safety of the inmates, staff and public."

"Over 1,000 people convicted of no crime locked up without access to lawyers, " Taubes wrote on social media Sunday. "A due process violation on a massive scale."

Scammers

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exchange for personal details, including Medicare information, according to the agency.

Consumers can help themselves by:

- Being careful. Scammers are selling fake and unauthorized at-home COVID-19 test kits in exchange for personal or medical information. Make sure to purchase FDA approved COVID-19 test kits from legitimate providers.
- Do not provide personal, medical or financial details to anyone in exchange for vaccine information, and obtain vaccinations only from trusted providers.[/li]Offers to purchase COVID-19 vaccination cards are scams. Valid proof of COVID-19 vaccination can only be provided to individuals by legitimate providers administering vaccines.
- Be cautious of COVID-19 survey scams. Do not give your personal, medical, or financial information to anyone claiming to offer money or gifts in exchange for your participation in a COVID-19 vaccine survey.
- Be suspicious of any unexpected calls or visitors offering COVID-19 tests or supplies. If you receive a suspicious call, hang up immediately.
- Ignore offers or advertisements for COVID-19 testing or treatments on social media sites. If you make an appointment for a COVID-19 test online, make sure the location is an official testing site.
- If you suspect COVID-19 health care fraud, report it immediately online or call 800-HHS-TIPS (800-447-8477).

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"I expect the numbers to continue to improve," Wu said. "The future state is trying to figure out, if this does become endemic, how do we incorporate COVID into our normal life?"

Wu warned that another variant could disrupt Connecticut's progress at any time. For now, though, the signs are encouraging.

"I don't want it to be an out-of-sight, out-of-mind conversation when it comes to COVID, but overall it is positive," Wu said.

Cases and positivity rate

Connecticut on Monday reported 12,057 new COVID-19 cases out of 106,153 tests, for a daily positivity rate of 11.4%. The state's seven-day positivity rate now stands at 13.4%, down from 23.6% earlier this month and the lowest it has been since late December.

Connecticut has now averaged 4,331 daily COVID-19 cases over the past week, down more than 50% from the state's peak earlier this month. Unvaccinated residents have been about three times as likely to test positive in recent weeks as vaccinated residents, according to state numbers.



Ashley Layton, a nurse at St. Luke's Meridian Medical Center, speaks with a person before taking swab sample at a special outdoor drive-thru screening station for COVID-19 in March 2020 in Meridian, Idaho. **AP FILE PHOTO**

Still, all eight Connecticut counties — along with nearly the entire rest of the country — are recording "high" levels of COVID-19 transmission as defined by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. With this level of transmission, the CDC advises people to wear a mask in public indoor settings.

Hospitalizations

As of Monday, Connecticut had 1,477 patients hospitalized with COVID-19, down 218 from Thursday and down from more than 1,900 on Jan. 12.

Hospital officials say some patients hospitalized with COVID-19 were admitted for non-coronavirus reasons before testing positive upon arrival but that a majority have significant COVID-19 symptoms.

According to the state, 56.5% of people hospitalized with COVID-19 are unvaccinated. Hospital officials say the rate is significantly higher when considering only patients with severe symptoms.

Deaths

Connecticut reports COVID-19 deaths on Thursdays. This week, the state reported 241 deaths, bringing its total during the pandemic to 9,683.

COVID-19 deaths — which typically tend to lag other metrics by several weeks — have continued to increase in recent weeks even as cases and hospitalizations have slowed. Unvaccinated people in Connecticut have been about 14 times as likely to die from COVID-19 in recent weeks as those who are vaccinated, according to state numbers.

The United States has now recorded 867,287 COVID-19 deaths, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University.

Vaccinations

As of Monday, 92% of all Connecticut residents and 95% of those 12 and older had received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose, while 76.2% of all residents and 84.7% of those 12 and older were fully vaccinated, according to the CDC.

Additionally, about 49.8% of fully vaccinated Connecticut residents 18 or older have received a booster dose.

The CDC warns that booster shots are sometimes misclassified as first doses, likely inflating the reported number of first-dose coverage and understating the true number of people who have received boosters.

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CONNECTICUT

Hiring slowed last month; just 600 jobs added

By Stephen Singer
Hartford Courant

Hiring slowed in December as Connecticut employers added just 600 jobs, but employment rose each month last year as the labor force struggled to emerge from the damage of COVID-19, the state Department of Labor reported Monday.

The unemployment rate dropped to 5.8% from 6% in November. In contrast, the U.S. jobless rate in December was 3.9%.

"Job growth slowed at the end of 2021 but continued to add to the very strong gains from earlier in the year," said Patrick Flaherty, the Department of Labor's research director.

On average, Connecticut employers added 4,267 jobs a month, for a total of 51,200 jobs added last year. Connecticut has now recovered 74.6% , or 218,100 jobs of the 292,400 that vanished in March and April 2020 as business lockdowns were ordered by the Lamont administration.

Chris DiPentima, president of the Connecticut Business & Industry Association, said the addition last year of 51,000 jobs is "welcome news," but said Connecticut's "anemic jobs recovery" has underperformed other states.

Connecticut's financial services sector posted fewer jobs in December than at the end of 2020. The construction industry added jobs since the start of the pandemic, posting 60,700 jobs in December, 1,400 more than in February 2020.

The leisure and hospitality industry, which was hit hard by the pandemic, gained nearly 16,000 jobs from December 2020 to the end of last year, a strong 13.4% increase. Still, jobs were off by nearly 23,000 since before the pandemic.

Connecticut's labor force of 1,570,800 is down 7.5% from a peak of 1,698,500 in November 2019, four months before COVID-19 began spreading through the state. It hit bottom with 1,403,900 in April 2020 as Gov. Ned Lamont and his public health advisers ordered businesses shut to slow the spread of the virus.

What industries posted the biggest job increases last year over 2020?

Leisure and hospitality, up 15,900, 13.4%

Construction, up 4,000, 7.1%

Educational and health services, up 11,300, 3.5%

Manufacturing, up 3,300, 2.2%

What industries posted job losses last year?

Information, down 1,200 jobs, a drop of 4.1%

Financial activities, down 1,300 jobs, a drop of 1.1%

How many workers were hired in Connecticut's cities?

New Haven, up 11,200, 4%

Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk, up 11,100, 3%

Hartford up 7,900, 1.4%

Danbury, up 2,700, 3.8%

Norwich-New London-Westerly, Rhode Island, up 2,700, 2.4%

Waterbury, up 1,500, 2.3%

How did Connecticut's unemployment rate change during 2021?

Connecticut began the year with an 8.1% unemployment rate in January. It peaked at 8.5% in February. By June it had fallen to 7.7% It declined in every month that followed.

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PLYMOUTH

Former teacher faces sexual assault charges

Authorities say incidents occurred over several years at elementary school

By Jesse Leavenworth
Hartford Courant

Plymouth police arrested a former elementary school teacher on sexual assault charges related to his alleged conduct with female students, which an arrest warrant says happened over several years despite students' and parents' complaints.

James Eschert, 51, faces two counts of fourth-degree sexual assault and five counts of risk of injury to a minor. Eschert was being held Monday in lieu of $350,000.

The warrant says Eschert touched girls inappropriately, encouraged them to sit on his lap, took inappropriate photographs and had favored girls play under his desk — an area the girls called "the cave" — while he sat there, blocking the only way out.

The warrant quotes students and parents as saying Eschert's "weird" and "creepy" behavior at Plymouth Center School was widely known. But when they complained to the principal, victims and parents said nothing was done until this past fall.

In November, acting school superintendent Brian Falcone announced that three staff members at the school had been placed on leave, including the principal, who he said, "will be on leave until further notice." Falcone did not identify two of those placed on leave and their names were redacted from the warrant.

Falcone told police that as soon as he was made aware of the allegations, he placed Eschert on administrative leave. Falcone later said the inappropriate conduct appeared to have been going on for years, and he "reported disgust that all of this may have been covered up," the warrant says.

The case involves Eschert's conduct with his fourth-grade female students, police said. Current Principal Angela Suffridge made a report to the state Department of Children and Families on Sept. 16 after a female student gave her a note outlining past incidents with Eschert, the warrant says. The alleged victim said Eschert was "strange and weird" and had been touching girls "in ways he shouldn't," the warrant says.

Another girl said Eschert would tell favored girls that they could sit on his lap in the back of the classroom, police said.

The girl also said Eschert would rub her shoulders and touch her over her clothing "to check if she was wearing a bra," the warrant says. Once, he touched her underneath her bra," the girl told police, according to the warrant.

Eschert encouraged the girls to "decorate" the underside of his desk with drawings and streamers and other decorations while he was sitting in his chair, the warrant says. One girl said as many as three girls would be under the desk while Eschert sat in his chair.

A parent who told police that she complained about Eschert's hugging and touching the girls said the principal told her that a few other parents had made similar complaints, but Eschert was "a phenomenal teacher" and "that's his way of teaching," the warrant says.

Other allegations include Eschert taking photos of the girls, including pictures up their skirts, the warrant says. Police said they seized a Nikon camera and found 26 inappropriate pictures.

"Whenever allegations of this nature arise, our first thoughts need to be with the victims and their families," Plymouth Mayor Joe Kilduff said.

"Mr. Eschert is accused of betraying the sacred trust between student and a teacher," Kilduff said. "It is my hope and expectation that he will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law."

Police say the investigation is continuing.

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Family of Black woman found dead has questions

By Pat Eaton-Robb
Associated Press

The family of a Black woman who was found dead last month in her Bridgeport apartment has accused city police of showing a lack of responsiveness and racial insensitivity in their handling of the investigation.

Lauren Smith-Fields, 23, died after a man she had met recently online called police on Dec. 12 to say he awoke to find Smith-Fields unresponsive. Smith-Field's family said police never notified them of her death, which they learned about more than a day later through a note left on her apartment door by her landlord.

The family said police told them the man who called authorities was not a suspect in her death, but have not told them why. The detective eventually asked them to stop calling, they said. The family's attorney, Darnell Crosland, has notified the city of his intent to file a lawsuit accusing police of failing to properly investigate.

"The police department has been racially insensitive to this family and has treated this family with no respect and has violated their civil rights," Crosland wrote.

The city said in a statement that they are awaiting the result of toxicology tests to determine the cause of Smith-Fields death and that the investigation is continuing.

Mayor Joe Ganim said Monday that sensitivity and respect toward family members are important and the handling of the case has been referred to the Office of Internal Affairs for an investigation. He said he would work with the police chief to make changes to department practices for notifying family members of a death.

"I support and add my voice to the family, community, and elected officials who are calling for state legislation on this issue," he said.

About 100 people held a rally in Bridgeport on Sunday, on what would have been Smith-Field's 24th birthday, asking the state take over the police investigation.

The family also is seeking an internal affairs investigation into the handling of the death and are asking state lawmakers to pass legislation requiring that loved ones be notified within 24 hours when someone is found dead.

Maria Pereira, a city councilwoman whose district includes Smith-Fields' home, said she is appalled by the way the woman's family has been treated and apparent deference shown to the 37-year-old white man who was with her when she died.

"Do you think if a white mother or father had their 23-year-old white daughter die and the last person who saw her was an older Black man that she met on a dating site, do you think that would have been handled in the exact same way?" the Democrat said. "I'm sorry, I don't believe that."

Pereira said she also wants answers for the family of 53-year-old Brenda Rawls, another Black woman who died in Bridgeport at about the same time. Her family also was not notified of the death by police, and found out days later, Pereira said.

"What kind of behavior is this?" she said. "Why are family members having to search for a missing loved one, when police know the person is dead? Where is the responsibility to notify family?"

NEW HAVEN

Separate shootings leave two men critically injured

Courant staff report

New Haven police are investigating two weekend shootings, both of which left the victims in critical condition, Officer Scott Shumway said.

In the first shooting, police received a 911 call just before 7 p.m. Saturday about a person shot on Chatham Street, between Atwater Street and Clinton Avenue, Shumway said in an email.

Officers found a 22-year-old New Haven man who had been hit by gunfire and American Medical Response took the victim to Yale New Haven Hospital, where he was treated and listed in critical but stable condition, Shumway said.

The New Haven Police Bureau of Identification and Major Crimes Unit went to the crime scene and collected ballistic evidence, Shumway said.

Then about 3:21 a.m. Sunday, New Haven police received a Shotspotter alert to gunfire on Ella T. Grasso Boulevard, between Printers Lane and Longhini Lane, he said.

"As responding officers located a crime scene, Yale New Haven Hospital called to report a person had been dropped off at the hospital who had been struck by gunfire," Shumway said in the email. "Detectives from the Major Crimes Unit responded to the hospital and learned that the victim, a 45-year-old New Haven man, was being treated for his injuries and was listed in critical but stable condition."

The New Haven Police Bureau of Identification also responded to that crime scene and collected ballistic evidence, Shumway said.

Police asked that any witnesses who had not yet spoken with the police contact the New Haven Police Department Investigative Services Division at 203-946-6304. Callers may remain anonymous or submit tips anonymously by calling 1-866-888-TIPS(8477), or text "NHPD plus your message" to 274637 (CRIMES).



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PUBLIC NOTICES

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Susan I. Meagher, Chief Clerk

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At the Old Saybrook Planning Commission meeting of January 19, 2022, the following decision was rendered:

"Martin" Application for Resubdivision of Land- 5.93 acres into 2 lots
129 Bokum Road (Map 61/Lot 4), Residence AAA District
Applicant/Owner: Theresa & Wayne Martin Agent: Robert L. Doane, Jr., PE. APPROVED

Copies of the applications and plans are on file in the Land Use Department, Old Saybrook Town Hall, 302 Main Street.
Dated at Old Saybrook, Connecticut this 25th day of January, 2022.

Norman Prevost, Jr., Chairman
1/25/22 7132699

Legal Notice

Payment for Motor Vehicle Supplemental taxes on the 2020 Grand List for automobiles registered between October 1, 2020 and July 31, 2021 become due and payable in full to the South Fire District Tax Collector on January 1, 2022 and if not paid in full by February 1, 2022 shall immediately become delinquent and subject to interest at the rate of 1 ½% per month of delinquency or $2.00 minimum interest.
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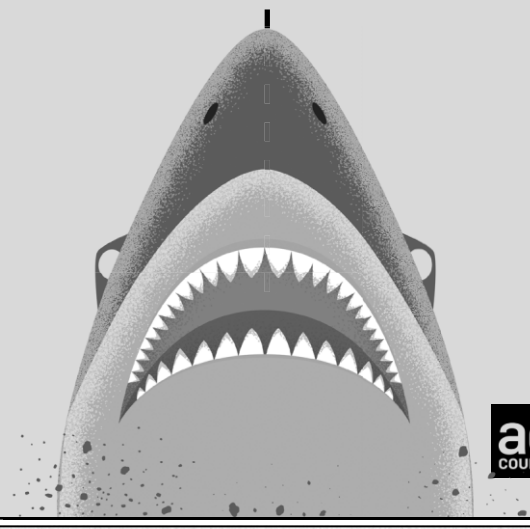


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Singer comes full force as grown woman, mom

Aguilera showcases Latino roots in 1st album of trilogy

By Sigal Ratner-Arias
Associated Press

Christina Aguilera doesn't pick up exactly where she left off 22 years ago with her Latin Grammy-winning Spanish album "Mi Reflejo." The superstar singer comes full force as a "grown woman and a mother" to showcase her Latino roots in the EP "La Fuerza," now available. And that is only the beginning.

While 2000's "Mi Reflejo" included five Spanish-language versions of tracks from her self-titled 1999 debut album, four original compositions and two cover songs, "La Fuerza" presents six original tracks, all co-written by Aguilera. The Sony Music Latin release includes the singles "Pa' Mis Muchachas" with Becky G, Nicki Nicole and Nathy Peluso, "Somos Nada" and the newly released "Santo" with Ozuna.

"It's something that I wanted to do for a very long time, but to be honest, I really wanted to wait for the right moment," Aguilera said. "When everything slowed down within the last couple of years, I was able to really pause and come back to my priorities and what I've been wanting to do."

In 2020, during the pandemic, the mother of two moved to Miami with her family to work for a month in the studio with other musicians and "finally dive in the way I wanted to, 'cause I wasn't just gonna do it and receive songs and be done," she said. "I really fell in love with music all over again."

Being in a city with one of the biggest U.S. Spanish-speaking populations, where Latin music can be heard everywhere, helped her reconnect with her childhood and inspire her: "It just felt so good getting back to it." The singer, whose father is Ecuadorian, grew up in a Spanish-speaking household before her parents divorced when she was 6 years old.



Christina Aguilera, who is seen performing Oct. 30, has released the Spanish-language EP "La Fuerza."
DAVID RICHARD/AP

And her Spanish-speaking fans can expect more this year. "La Fuerza" is the first installment of a trilogy that Aguilera plans to release in 2022.

This interview with Aguilera has been edited for clarity and length.

Q: Did motherhood play a role in you wanting to explore a little more your Latino roots at this point?

A: Yes, that was also a part of why it was so important for me. You know, I grew up in a Spanish-speaking household ... (but) my kids, I don't have a Spanish-speaking partner, so they don't hear it the way I grew up listening to it. This is such a beautiful thing to give them, the experience of music, to be around and see that this is a part of them, this is a part of their background, and this is a part of my childhood sharing with them. The whole experience now, coming full circle from baby Christina with "Mi Reflejo" to now "La Fuerza" as a grown woman, means so much to me to be able to also share that with my children.

Q: You co-wrote all the songs and sing them with perfect pronunciation. How was this process for you?

A: I take it very seriously. I'm a super perfectionist when it comes to myself and my work, and I'm very critical, so I take my time, and that's also why I wanted to be surrounded and inside of it. Miami is such a hotbed of incredible talent from all over the world and again, the Latin music is undeniable, there's nothing like it, and to feel it from the inside out is very important for me. So going there, and when I start hearing it from all angles and everybody is speaking it (laughs) — nobody is speaking English — you catch up very quickly and many things are remembered from being a kid. It's like a second nature whenever I am around it and whenever I'm singing it. And not to say it's not a challenge not being my first language, but I'm never going to back down from a challenge. I'm never going to take the easy way out either. I definitely have two incredible people that I work with who did help me on honing into the words, and it's also tricky because every territory has a different way of speaking and different slang, so I really reverted that to the way I heard my father speak it and also keeping it pretty classic.

Q: You cover a variety of genres. Was it important for you to showcase different Latin rhythms?

A: I'm not a one-dimensional artist, I've always loved exploring different genres in English and to limit yourself also in Latin music — I just am inspired by too many different things to do that. I really wanted to be true to different things that inspire me, and I do love hanging out with my friends and listening to reggaeton and dancing, it makes you feel good.

Q: Tell me about "Santo." How was it working with Ozuna?

A: That was one of the first songs that I actually heard a track for and I was like, "Oh my God, I love this song." The hook was there. (Puerto Rican singer-songwriter) GALE was one of the writers, she's a beautiful writer, super poetic. Really tricky with the tongue! I really worked extra on some of those lyrics, you know? (laughs) But I love the song so much! It's something that you can feel sexy and empowered by. So, after I recorded it, I already got back to LA when I got an email that was like, "OK, you have to check your email, there's a surprise." And the surprise was Ozuna's verse (laughs). I was like, "Oh my God!" I was so excited for him to join the record, and he did his own thing with it. So right after I was done with the girls doing "Pa' Mis Muchachas," I went right into "Santo" with Ozuna, and we shot the video right there in Vegas after the Latin Grammys. We get to embody this ethereal world of nature, hallucination and twisted darkness, but I'm being hunted by an ex-lover who betrayed me, so (laughs) ... It was a really fun video to shoot and the song and the hook is undeniable.

Q: Two decades after "Mi Reflejo," what are your expectations with "La Fuerza"?

A: No expectations! It's just a labor of love. I've been in this business too long to worry about expecting anything. Anything can always happen! I've learned over the years to truly let go of what people think, what people say. I just wanna do things that I love, do things that fans I hope love and appreciate and inspire them. At the end of the day, really make music that I can love and respect and feel proud of and share with my children, that will live on after I'm gone.

CELEBRITIES

Ulvaeus seeks source of ABBA magic

From news services

ABBA's Bjorn Ulvaeus has launched a radio show on Apple Music, with hopes of figuring out why his songs like "Mamma Mia" and "Dancing Queen" have stayed stuck in the heads of so much of the world for so many decades.

The guitarist, singer and co-songwriter from the Swedish supergroup is hosting the "Bjorn from ABBA and Friends' Radio Show" on Apple Music Hits. The limited series, which started Monday, includes music and conversations with Ulvaeus' friends and collaborators.

"I have long wanted to ask some emotionally intelligent as well as intellectual people who know about ABBA about why they think our songs have lasted for such a long time — almost 40 years — because I don't understand it myself," Ulvaeus, 76, said.



Musician Bjorn Ulvaeus, a member of ABBA, has launched a radio show on Apple Music. VIANNEY LE CAER/INVISION 2017

Chopra Jonas, Jonas welcome first child: Actor Priyanka Chopra Jonas and her husband, singer Nick Jonas, announced on their Instagram pages Friday that they have welcomed their first child together. They said a surrogate gave birth to the couple's baby on Jan. 15.

"We are overjoyed to confirm that we have welcomed a baby via surrogate," the couple's statement said.

The couple did not reveal their baby's name or sex and asked for privacy "during this special time as we focus on our family."

In 2018, the couple married in India after dating for four months.

King's child dies: Ian Alexander Jr., 26, the only child of award-winning actor and director Regina King, has died.

"Our family is devastated at the deepest level by the loss of Ian," a family statement shared Saturday by a King spokesman said. "He is such a bright light who cared so deeply about the happiness of others. Our family asks for respectful consideration during this private time."

The spokesman confirmed the death was suicide. No further details were released.

The actor and director shared Alexander with her former husband, record producer Ian Alexander Sr. The two divorced in 2007 after 10 years of marriage. The younger Alexander was a musician and DJ who often accompanied King to red carpet events.

Guitarist Wilson dies: Don Wilson, 88, co-founder and rhythm guitarist of the instrumental guitar band The Ventures, has died. Wilson died Saturday in Tacoma, Washington, of natural causes, surrounded by his four children, according to reports.

The band's hits included "Walk, Don't Run," the No. 2 song in the country in 1960, and the theme song for "Hawaii Five-O." With over 100 million records sold, the Ventures are the bestselling instrumental band of all time.

Founded in 1959, the band continued to perform through numerous lineup changes, but Wilson was the one constant throughout. He didn't miss a tour until his retirement in 2015, according to a family statement.

Jan. 25 birthdays: Singer Claude Gray is 90. Actor Leigh Taylor-Young is 77. Actor Dinah Manoff is 66. Actor Jenifer Lewis is 65. Singer Kina is 53. Actor China Kantner is 51. Actor Mia Kirshner is 47. Actor Christine Lakin is 43. Singer Alicia Keys is 41. Actor Michael Trevino is 37. Actor Olivia Edward is 15.



ASK AMY

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Pride flag gift creates confusion for parents

Dear Amy: My stepdaughter is 21. She came out as gay about a year ago.

We have been very supportive of her. We are very fond of her girlfriend.

For Christmas, the two of them bought my wife and me a pride flag to display on our front porch.

I have to be honest that while supportive I do not have any desire to fly the pride flag on my house.

My stepdaughter and her girlfriend do not live with us, and I don't think they even have a flag at their own home.

Is there anything I can say or do to not sound like a terrible person that I don't want to fly this flag at my home?

— Ally

Dear Ally: This presents an opportunity for you and your wife to learn the intent and symbolism behind this gift.

Did these two women present you with this flag to acknowledge your ally-ship? Have they given this to you in hopes that you will somehow complete your ally-journey by quite literally flying the flag?

I asked my friend Zack Ford to weigh in (Zack most recently covered LGBTQ issues for ThinkProgress). He responds: "First, the parents need to talk to each other: What is their hesitation to put out the flag? Are they concerned about how neighbors will react? Do they not want to have to explain or defend it to others?

"Then of course, talk to their daughter. Does she feel like she needs more support from them, and if so, what does that need to look like?"

Zack and I agree that once you communicate about this and know more about the intent, you could make a decision.

We also agree that if you ultimately don't want to display it, you shouldn't.

One possible compromise is that you might fly this flag for a period during June, which is LGBTQ Pride month.

Dear Amy: My wife's daughter just died two days before this past Christmas due to liver and kidney failure, following a hospital stay of 20 days, mostly in the ICU and under intubation.

She was only 46 years old. At any rate, she had a husband and two 10-year-old twin children.

When would it be appropriate for them to start grief counseling?

— Concerned Grandfather

Dear Concerned: Your entire family must be reeling.

To a certain extent, you will need to let the reeling happen, and not try to fix it. I hope you will be able to stay calm, centered and compassionate toward all three generations.

It would be appropriate for all grieving family members to attend grief counseling, as soon as possible, and to continue with counseling for as long as they want.

The hospital that treated your daughter-in-law should have recommendations for local in-person or virtual grief groups.

For the children, you might want to introduce them to the book, "The Invisible String," written by Patrice Karst and illustrated by Joanne Lew-Kriethoff (current edition, 2018, Little Brown). This classic picture book might seem a little "young" for your 10-year-old grandchildren, but its message about the love that binds us should resonate with all of you.

I hope that you and your wife can offer these children a port in the storm. Spend a lot of time with them. Establish rituals and routines that they can snuggle into. Encourage them to talk about their mom whenever they want to and in any context.

And you and your wife should freely share happy memories of her, show them childhood photos if they're interested, and be as centered and stalwart as you are able.

Dear Amy: Regarding the question from "Canine Questions" regarding her boyfriend, who lets his dog roam free, I work with animal control officers who have to go out and talk to people like this gentleman who refuses to contain his dog per the regulations of the city or county he lives in.

Every single city or county in this country has a rule where all dogs must be leashed or contained in areas when outside, up to date on rabies and licensed.

— Concerned for Canines

Dear Concerned: This also presents considerable risk to the dog, other animals and humans.

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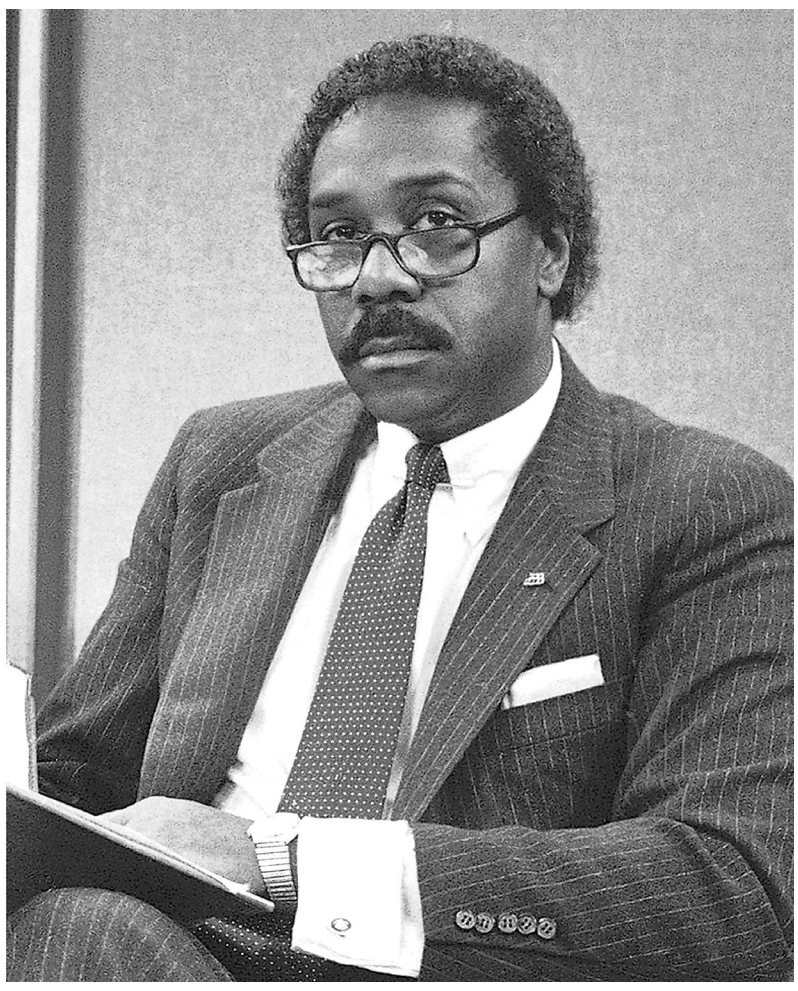
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‘Sanford and Son’ a ‘double-edged’ pioneer

Black TV sitcom that debuted 50 years ago opened doors, but relied on stereotypes

By Lynn Elber
Associated Press





Comedian Redd Foxx, left in 1974, and actor Demond Wilson, seen in 1984, starred in the NBC sitcom “Sanford and Son,” which aired from 1972 to 1977. **AP PHOTOS**

When Demond Wilson heard that Redd Foxx was going to star in a TV sitcom, the actor brushed it off as a joke.

Foxx was a killer stand-up comic, with a trademark raunchiness that Wilson figured to be a nonstarter for the timid broadcast networks that were television in 1972. It was the eve of cable, and the rise of streaming was decades away.

“It would be like bringing a dog to a cat party,” is how Wilson described the notion of Foxx invading TV in a recent interview.

But the comedian cleaned up his act for the small screen, and “Sanford and Son,” with Wilson co-starring as Foxx’s beleaguered adult son, debuted 50 years ago in January on NBC. An instant ratings smash, it opened the door for other Black family shows to move into the virtually all-white TV neighborhood.

Norman Lear, who had roiled network waters the year before with the topically driven CBS sitcom “All in the Family,” said serendipity led to “Sanford and Son.” Lear and Bud Yorkin, his producing partner, were in Las Vegas when they caught a lounge act featuring Foxx.

“We met with him and came back to LA sky high” about creating a Foxx-centered sitcom, Lear said in an email. “Miraculously, several days later a British agent, Beryl (Vertue) came to us with the idea of making an American version of a big hit in Great Britain entitled ‘Steptoe and Son.’ ”

“It was an instant marriage,” Lear said, and one he says Foxx didn’t resist.

“Not that he wasn’t difficult to deal with, but he was funny as hell and that made everything possible,” Lear said. Foxx, who died in 1991 at age 68, skipped part of one season amid a contract dispute with the producers.

“Sanford and Son,” which aired from 1972 to 1977, revolved around widower Fred Sanford, an irascible junk dealer in the Watts area of LA who foisted work and insults on his long-suffering son, Lamont. Among them: “You big dummy!” which became a show catchphrase.

All episodes are on Amazon Prime Video, which licensed the series for streaming from Sony Pictures Television.

Wilson, a Vietnam veteran who had appeared on stage in New York, in films and on TV, was approached about the series after an “All in the Family” guest role. Wilson also learned that the producers had another possibility in mind to play Lamont.

“ ‘We were considering Richard Pryor,’ ” Wilson recalled being told. “I said, ‘C’mon, you can’t put a comedian with a comedian. You’ve got to have a straight man.’ Dick Martin was the nut, Dan Rowan was the straight guy” on “Rowan & Martin’s Laugh-In,” he said.

Wilson recounted joining TV veteran Aaron Ruben, who served as a producer on “Sanford and Son,” in Las Vegas to meet Foxx and watch his act. “I thought he was the funniest person, the most irreverently funny guy that I’d ever met in my life,” Wilson said.

“Sanford and Son” introduced viewers to other talented actors and comics generally sidelined by Hollywood because of their race, including cast members LaWanda Page as Aunt Esther; Whitman Mayo as Grady Wilson; Don Bexley as Bubba; and Lynn Hamilton as Foxx’s good-natured girlfriend, Donna.

Slappy White, who’d worked the comedy circuit with Foxx, appeared occasionally on the series, as did Pat Morita, of future “The Karate Kid” movie fame, whose character’s name, Ah Chew, and his ethnicity were punchlines for Fred.

While “Sanford and Son” regularly delivered such racial barbs, it rarely delved into racism or other third-rail issues — politics and abortion among them — that were central to “All in the Family” and its spin-off “Maude.”

Was that deliberate?

“Yes. We didn’t compare (‘All in the Family’ and ‘Sanford and Son’), but the characters called it like they saw it in their own neighborhoods,” Lear said.

The show begat other sitcoms about working-class Black families, including “Good Times,” also involving Lear and starring Esther Rolle and John Amos, and the less successful “What’s Happening!!” from Yorkin, who died in 2015. (Lear’s “The Jeffersons” was rare in featuring an affluent Black couple.)

While Black viewers finally got to see a version of themselves on screen, it was mostly one limited to those in struggling neighborhoods and created by almost uniformly white producers, writers and directors at the behest of white executives.

That’s in sharp contrast to the 21st-century comedies created and steered by Black writers, producers and actors, including ABC’s “black-ish,” HBO’s “Insecure” and FX’s “Atlanta,” and their wide-ranging and nuanced views of Black life.

Eric Deggans, TV critic for National Public Radio, sees a “double-edged quality” to the older-generation sitcoms. They showcased performers beloved by Black audiences, and, starting with “Sanford and Son,” proved that a series about a family of color could be widely successful.

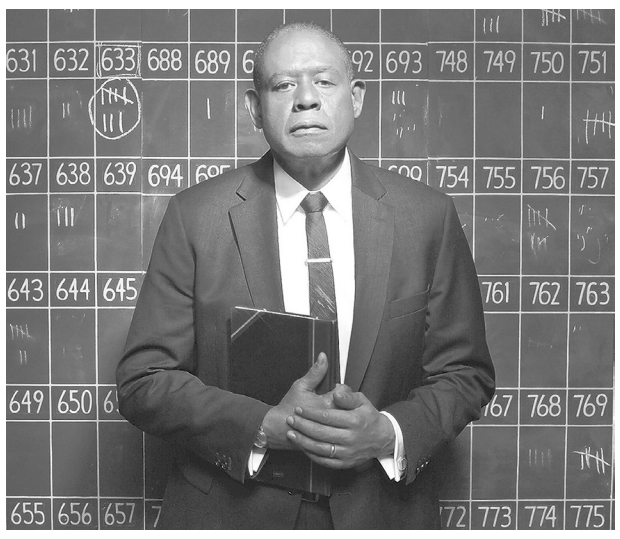
The comedies also were honest about depicting some real-life Black challenges, Deggans said. But they ultimately relied on racial stereotypes and settled for laughs.

The shows made poor areas “look livable and even fun, as opposed to the issues that they really faced,” Deggans said.

TV Q&A

Will there be another season of ‘Godfather of Harlem’ on Epix?

By Rich Heldenfels
Tribune News Service



Actor Forest Whitaker plays Bumpy Johnson in “Godfather of Harlem,” which will have a third season. **JAMEL SHABAZZ/EPIX**

Q: Is there going to be any kind of sequel to “Godfather of Harlem”?

A: The series starring Forest Whitaker has been picked up for a third, 10-episode season on Epix, with production scheduled to begin this summer. According to Epix: “Season three will find Bumpy Johnson (Whitaker) continuing to battle for control of Harlem, with other aspirants to the throne, namely the Cuban Mafia from neighboring Spanish Harlem. Taking on the Cuban mob will put Bumpy, his loved ones and his community in the crosshairs of not only the rival Italians, but ruthless Latin assassins and, ultimately, the CIA.”

Q: What happened to Kodi, the blind and autistic young man who won “America’s Got Talent” a few years ago?

A: Kodi Lee, who won “AGT” in its 14th season in 2019, “continues to pursue his musical career and his dream to be a ‘rock star’ performing for thousands of fans,” according to his website, kodileerocks.com. You can catch up on his activities there.

Q: Will a new season of “Perry Mason” be airing anytime soon?

A: The HBO drama is in production for its second season, but there’s no announced air date yet. Here is HBO’s rundown of what’s coming: “Months after the end of the Dodson trial, Perry’s (Matthew Rhys) moved off the farm, ditched the milk truck, he’s even traded his leather jacket for a pressed suit. It’s the worst year of the Depression, and Perry and Della (Juliet Rylance) have set the firm on a safer path pursuing civil cases instead of the tumultuous work that criminal cases entail. Unfortunately, there isn’t much work for Paul (Chris Chalk) in wills and contracts, so he’s been out on his own. An open-and-closed case overtakes the city of Los Angeles, and Perry’s pursuit of justice reveals that not everything is always as it seems.”

Q: I am wondering if a certain number of seasons of the new “All Creatures Great and Small” has been committed to, or if it just depends on viewer interest.

A: Viewer interest does help determine whether a show keeps going, but the interest in “All Creatures” has been high. Besides the second season, which is airing on “Masterpiece,” a third and a fourth season will be coming. Production of new episodes will reportedly begin this spring. Keep in mind that the seasons are not as long as for some U.S. shows; the second run consists of six episodes and a bonus Christmas telecast. The previous series based on James Herriot’s books consisted of seven seasons, spread from 1978 to 1990.

Q: I read that a show called “Dark Winds” with Robert Redford producing is coming to AMC. Do you know when?

A: Not yet. Production has been completed on a first season, and it’s due on AMC and AMC+ sometime this year. Redford is part of a team that also includes George R.R. Martin and showrunner Vince Calandra. Based on novels by Tony Hillerman, this is a six-episode “psychological thriller that follows two Navajo police officers in the 1970s Southwest, as their search for clues in a grisly double murder case forces them to challenge their own spiritual beliefs and come to terms with the trauma of their pasts.” Zach McClarnon and Kiowa Gordon star.

Do you have a question or comment about entertainment past, present and future? Write to Rich Heldenfels, P.O. Box 417, Mogadore, OH 44260, or brenfels@gmail.com. Letters may be edited.

HOROSCOPES

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Aries (March 21-April 19): Some parts of the story you thought were resolved might not be. An authority figure could change their mind in a way that benefits you. Be alert and make yourself aware of what you need to do. It might involve additional work.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): The most important journey for you might be one of self-knowledge. You need to review your plans. Any misunderstandings can be resolved as long as you put in the effort. What you might have to work out is whether or not you still want to go. Ask yourself if what you want has changed.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): An unexpected disruption could throw off any efforts to get your schedule in order. As frustrating as that might be, you may need to accept the difference between true accidents and things you could have seen coming. Make an effort to accept everyone’s limitations.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Drama within your friend group could affect you emotionally today. The group dynamic may be too out of control for you to get a word in, but talking to people one on one could be productive. When you zoom out to look at the big picture, you may be able to give advice.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): You may be a work in progress at the moment. You may need to talk to someone who seems to keep getting in your way and find out what they really want from you. A shift in your dynamic could be long overdue — they might realize that while telling their side of the story.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Telling people what’s on your mind may tempt you, but you might need to consider your audience. In the context of a close, supportive relationship, opening up can be a good thing. However, having coworkers know all of your personal views could make it harder for everyone involved.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You find yourself pushed to the limit of your patience. Though you have put up with this for a long time because you thought you couldn’t afford anything better, your situation could have changed since you last crunched the numbers. Acknowledge any recent improvements.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Sweet talk may seem to help you be everything to everyone. People might start to remember promises you made to them in the past. If it becomes apparent that you can’t follow through on your words, the resulting confrontation could be unexpectedly liberating.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Hidden things could both help and harm you at this time. You might get a pleasant surprise. On the other hand, unexpected drama could pop up as you try to communicate about your routine work. You may accidentally step on someone else’s unique sore spot.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Being true to your values could be important for you today, which might be surprising to your friends. They may not have guessed you felt that way. Even if you don’t convince everyone to agree with you right away, you’ll most likely feel relieved to have people know for sure where you stand.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Security may be hard to find, but blazing a new trail could be more rewarding for you anyway. The energy the whole world must contend with today is a good example of what it might be like to be you, so your ability to guide others through upheaval may be quite appreciated.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): You may find yourself getting some attention from your peers. Any gossip you indulge in has a greater chance than usual of getting out and causing trouble for you at this time. There is no need for you to sneak around and be manipulative. You can get what you want by asking.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On Jan. 25, 1533, England’s King Henry VIII secretly married his second wife, Anne Boleyn.

In 1915, America’s first transcontinental telephone call took place as Alexander Graham Bell, who was in New York, spoke to Thomas Watson, who was in San Francisco.

In 1924, the first Winter Olympic Games opened in Chamonix, France.

In 1945, Grand Rapids, Michigan, became the first community to add fluoride to its public water supply. **Also,** the World War II Battle of the Bulge ended.

In 1971, Charles Manson and three women followers were convicted in Los Angeles of murder in the 1969 slayings of seven people.

In 1993, Sears announced that it would no longer publish its famous century-old catalog.

In 2004, NASA’s Opportunity rover zipped its first pictures of Mars to Earth.

BONUS PUZZLE PAGE

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WORD SEARCH

Wordsearch: love me tender 274

Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, or diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

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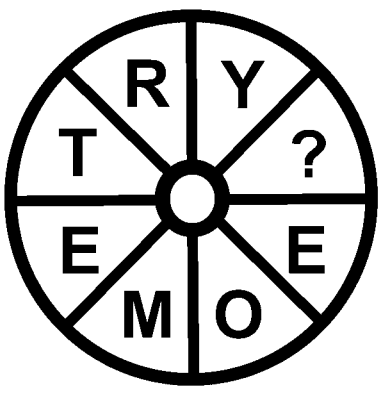
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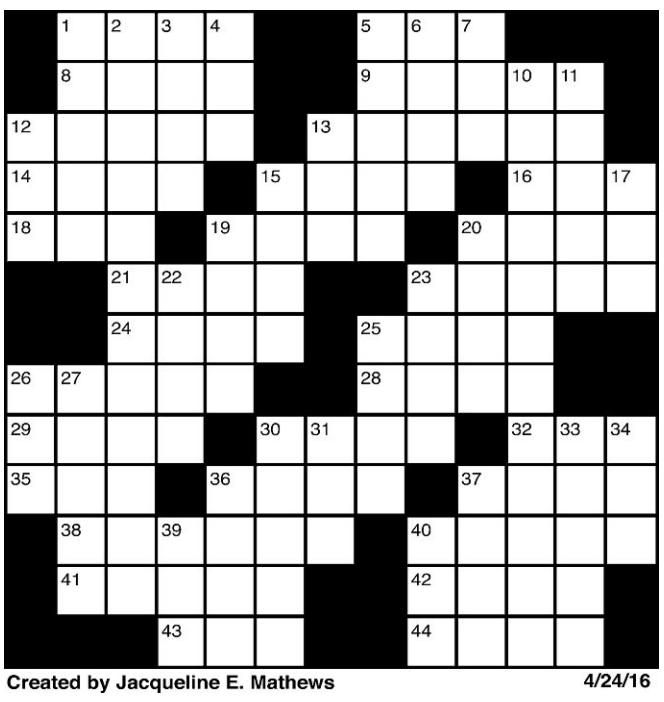
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GEOMETRY

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TV CROSSWORD

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ACROSS
1 Role on “The Goldbergs”
5 Legal drama series for Catherine Bell
8 __ Colada; sweet rum cocktail
9 Actor __ Ballard, once of “Numb3rs”
12 “The __ Budapest Hotel”; movie for Ralph Fiennes
13 Actor Matt __
14 Turner or Fey
15 Sacred
16 “American __!”
18 “Grand __ Opry”
19 Dinner for Mister Ed, perhaps
20 South __, Indiana
21 Jon Bon __
23 Spending __; shopper’s binge
24 Actor Sharif
25 “Once __ a Time”
26 Lucy’s landlady
28 Complaint
29 Actor Florek
30 Escaped
32 “Much __ About Nothing”
35 Ashley, to Mary-Kate
36 Robert of “The Sopranos”
37 Sitcom for Sherman Hemsley
38 Actor Robert __
40 “The __ Is Right”
41 Rapper and actor __ Dogg
42 Cheat; defraud
43 Kildare and Quinn: abbr.
44 “$#*! My Dad __”

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2 Role on “Black-ish”
3 Actress Paquin
4 “__ Men”; Jon Hamm series
5 Slammers
6 Actress Sheedy
7 __ Grissom; role on “CSI”
10 Series for Ty Burrell and Julie Bowen
11 Ridiculous
12 Classic Pontiac
13 Speck
15 Long-running Broadway rock musical
17 ...FDR, HST, __, JFK, LBJ...
19 Skating rink’s shape
20 Elks Lodge, formally
22 “The __”; horror film for Gregory Peck and Lee Remick
23 Drove too fast
25 Taxi alternative
26 Begley and Bradley
27 Coin toss call
30 Late comedian Wilson and others
31 Actress Thompson
33 Knocks to the mat
34 “__ Life to Live”
36 Frankenstein’s assistant
37 Opera solo
39 “Children of a Lesser __”; Marlee Matlin movie
40 Original network for “Sesame Street”

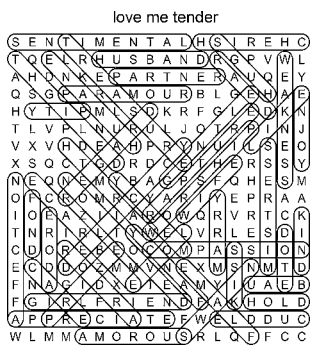


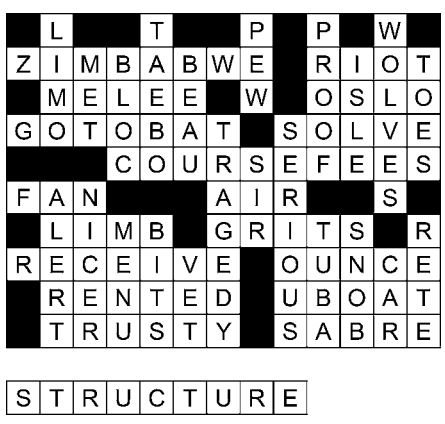
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
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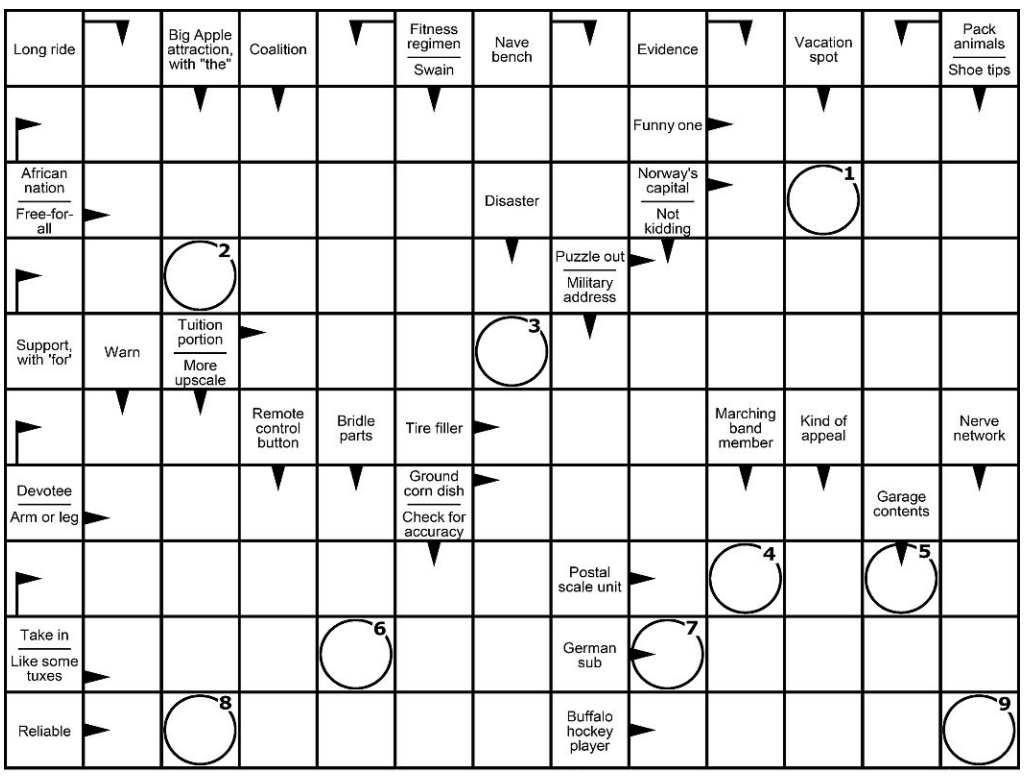
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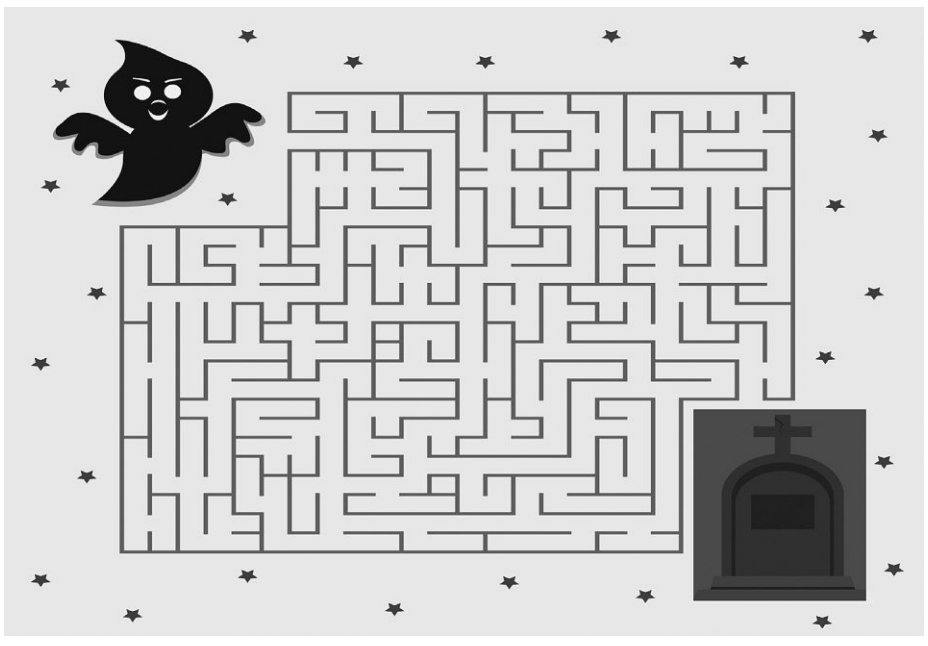
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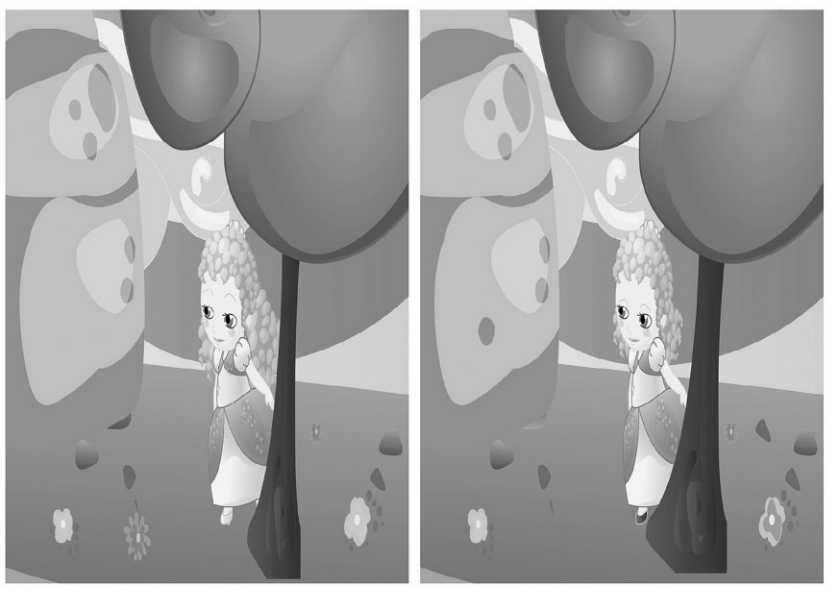
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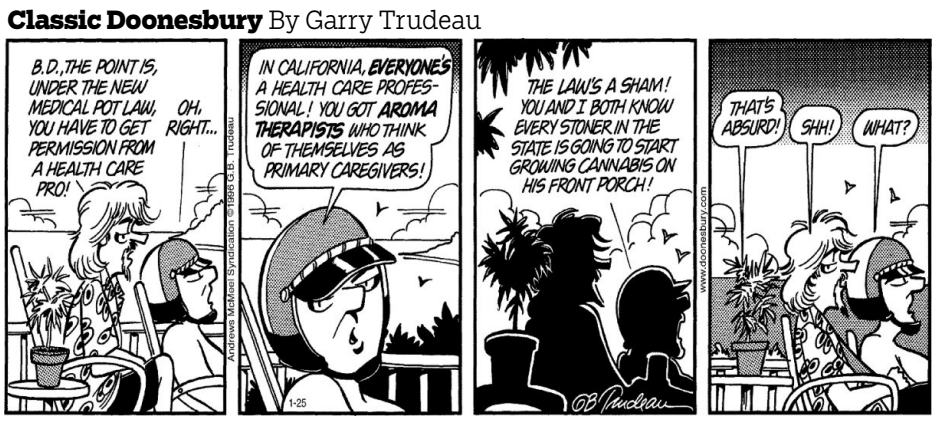
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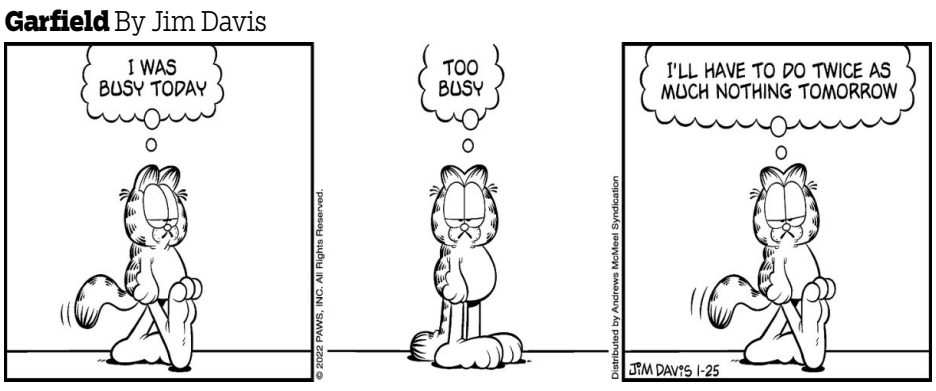
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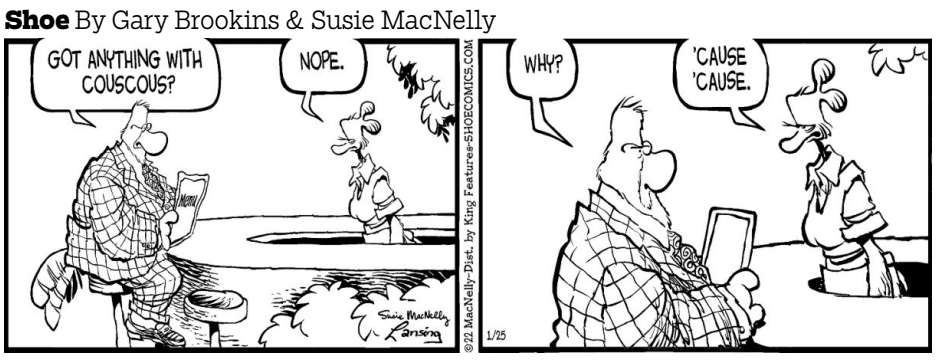
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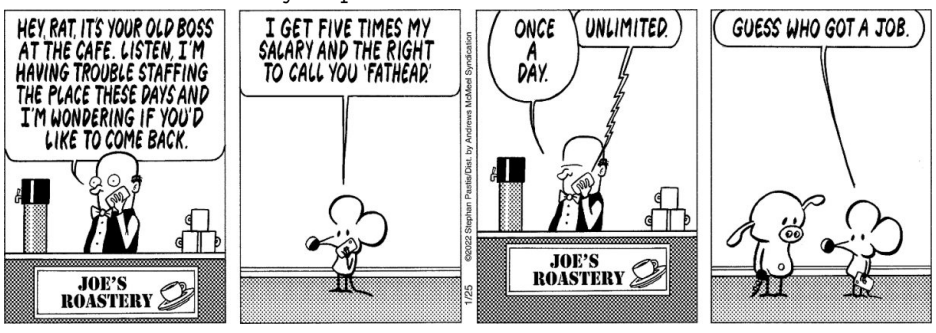
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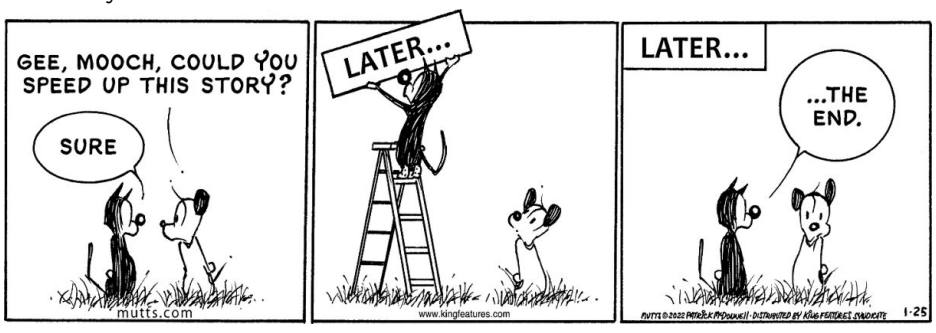
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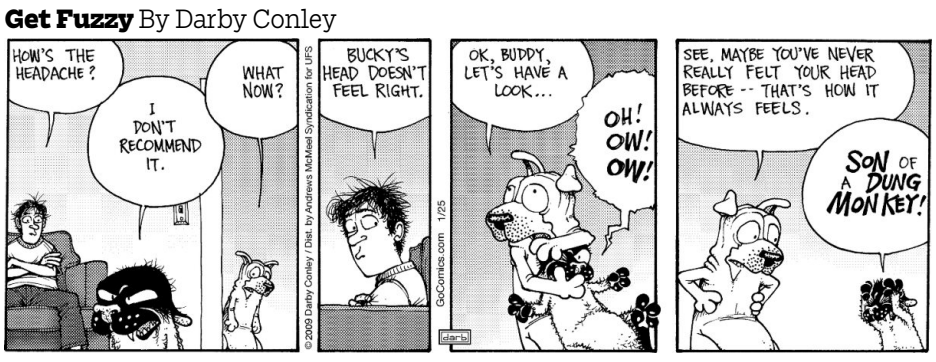
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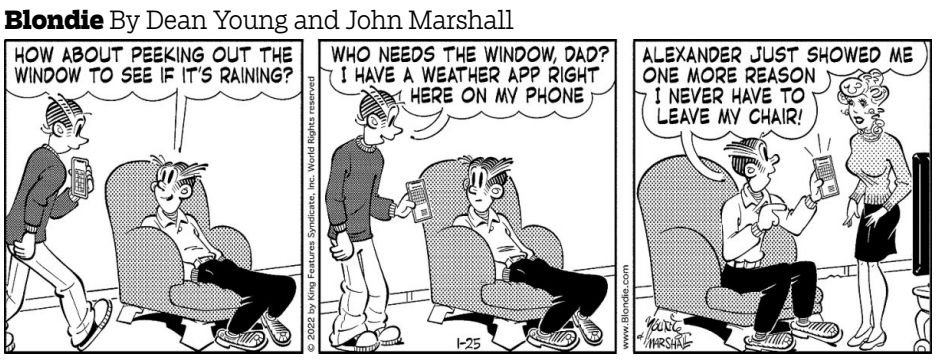
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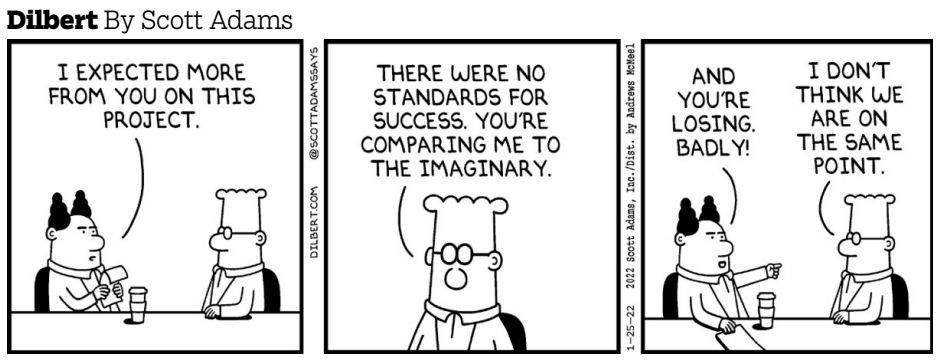
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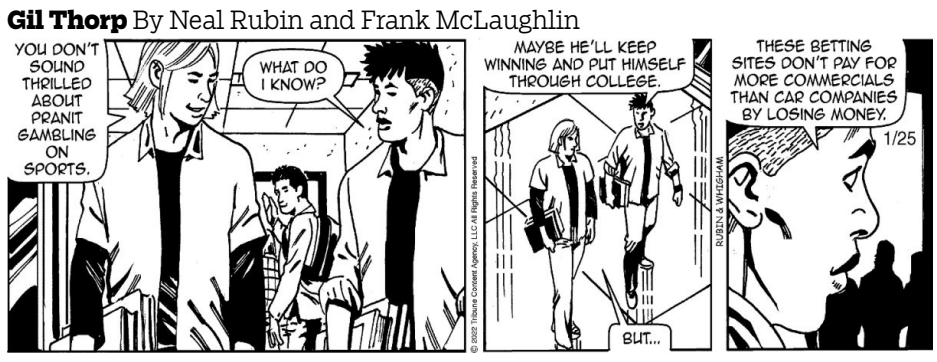
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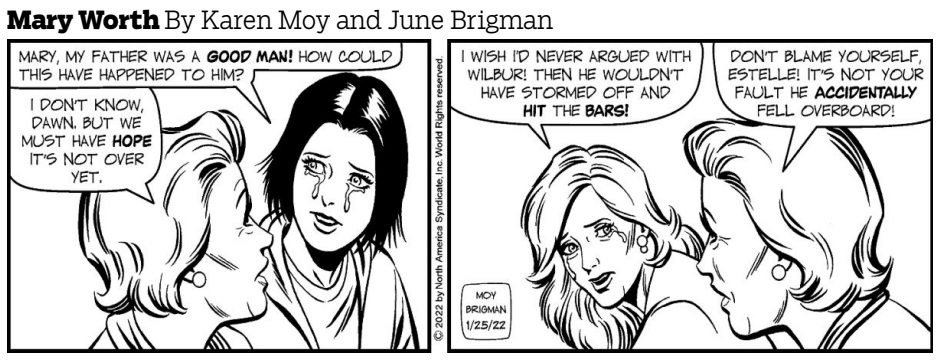
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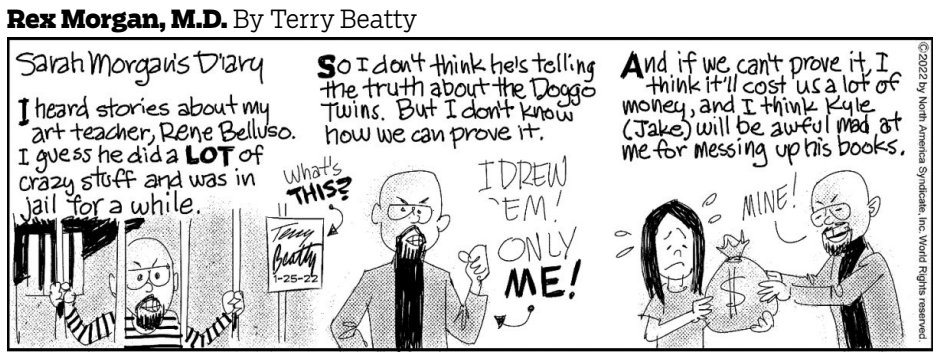
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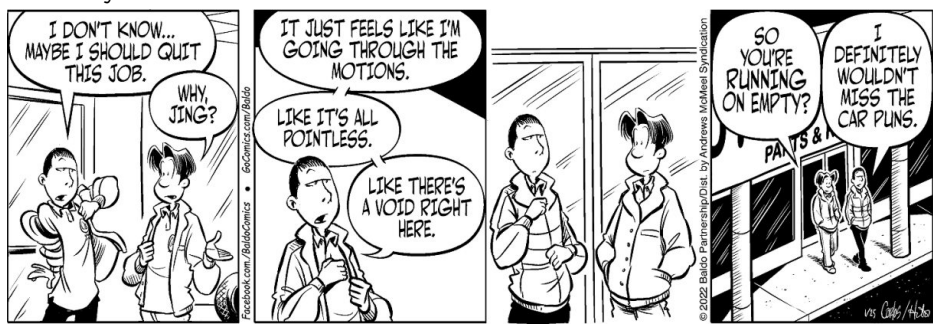
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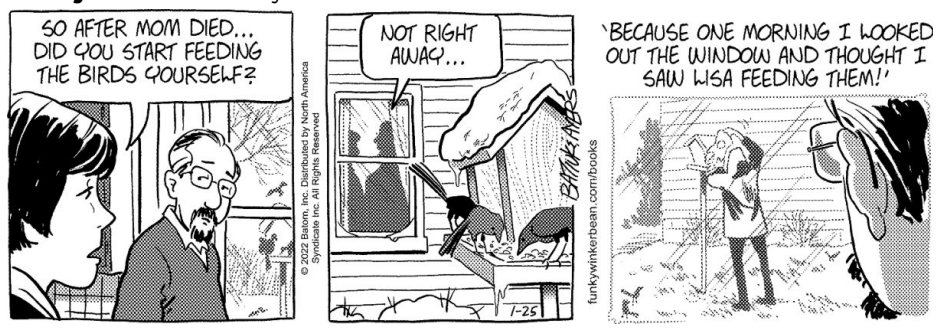
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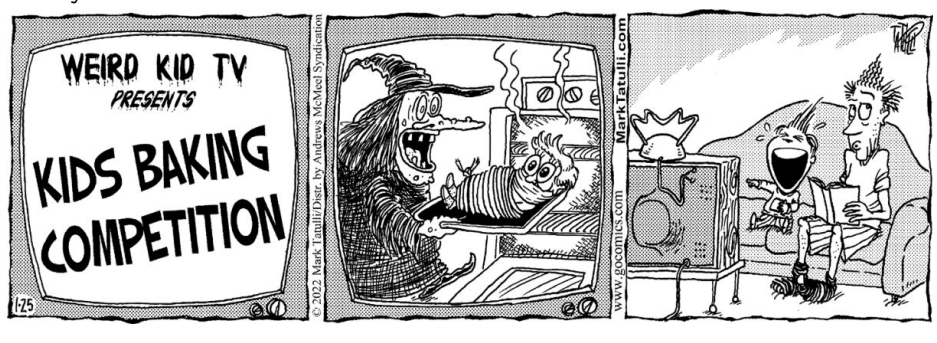
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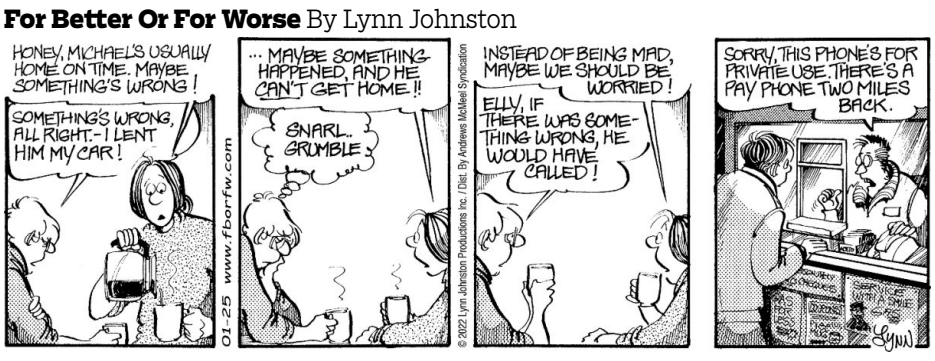
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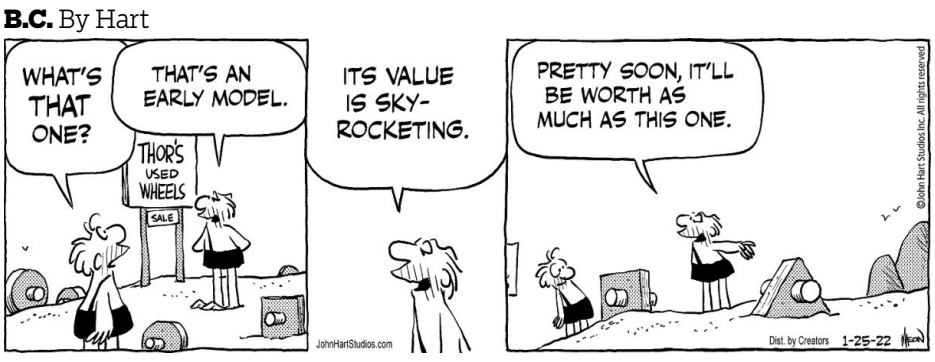
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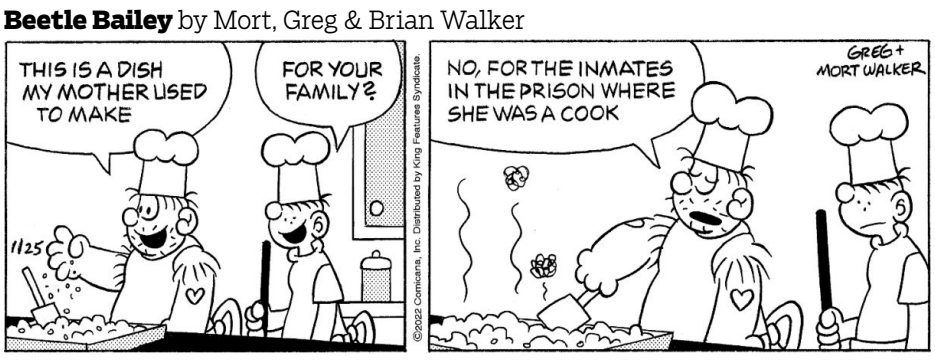
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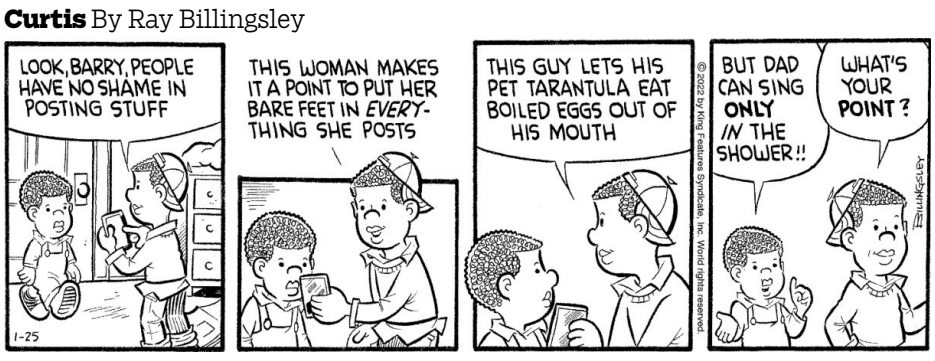
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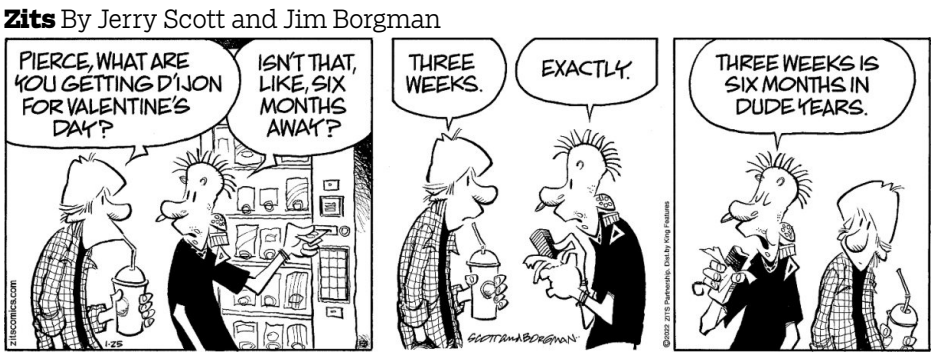
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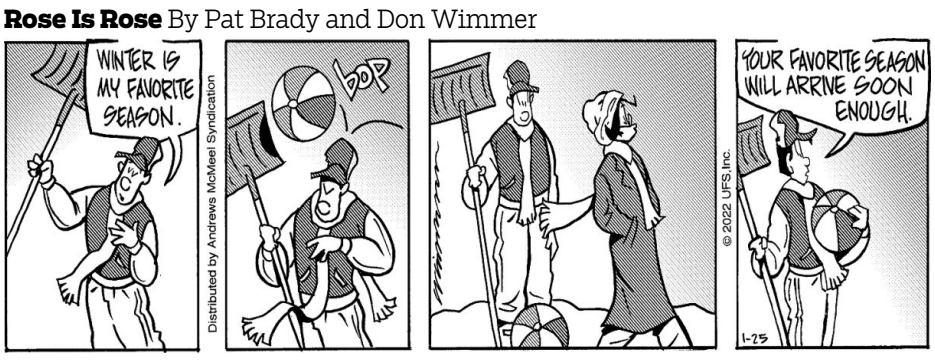
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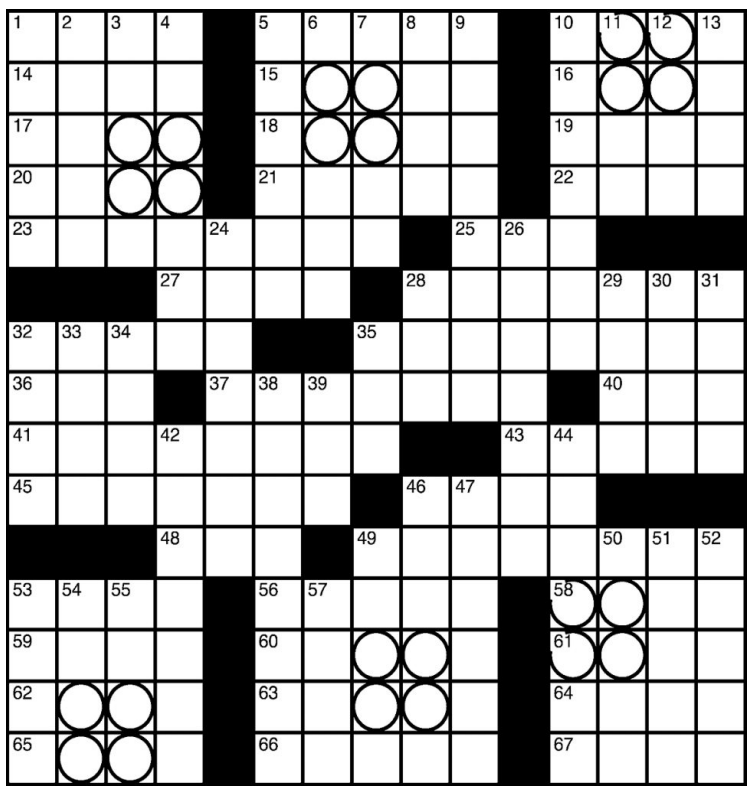
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5 Thyroid, e.g.
10 Managed music for a wedding reception, briefly
14 Sword handle
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16 Olympic sport with two accents
17 Biblical birthright seller
18 Tylenol competitor
19 Warning from a reckless driver?
20 Lost traction
21 Runs out of steam
22 MP3 player
23 "__ now!": "Seinfeld" mantra spoken by Frank Costanza
25 Many an IRS worker
27 Artemis program org.
28 Storm warning
32 Medicare section for ambulance services
35 Rossini's "William Tell" has a famous one
36 Tavern tipple
37 Freight train compo-nents ... or a hint to each group of circled letters
40 911 responder, briefly
41 Its trill begins "Rhapsody in Blue"
43 D sharp equivalent
45 Singing, dancing and acting
46 Draped dress
48 "Yuck!"
49 Really botched
53 Sous-chef's job
56 Decree
58 __ song: cheaply
59 Wild West Wyatt
60 Back biter?
61 Far from flashy
62 Gallic gal pal
63 Carne __: taco filling
64 Manet medium
65 Ilk
66 Designed to punish
67 Pole on the Bounty

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1 "The Queen's Gambit" game
2 Flier's seat option
3 Major's successor
4 Nero, to Seneca
5 On the house
6 Nabokov title girl
7 Mimic's forte
8 Actress Campbell
9 Fran of "The Nanny"
10 Insubordinate
11 Genre for some Tokyo-based bands
12 Designer Saarinen
13 Monopoly card
24 Apprehending
26 Maritime money handlers
28 FDR power project
29 "Hamilton" climax
30 Funny Bombeck
31 Remainder
32 Treaty
33 Penne __ vodka
34 Actual
35 Canadian Thanksgiving mo.
38 In a position of fame
39 Ballot marks
42 Signed on for another tour
44 Feudal lord's domain
46 Cuban-born Grammy winner Jon
47 Starlike
49 Italian fashion center
50 Ill-fated ship Andrea __
51 Eurasian range
52 Blue Ribbon brewer
53 Pinnacle
54 Malek of "Mr. Robot"
55 St. Patrick's home
57 Medicine amount



By David Poole — Tribune Content Agency 1/25/22

BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

South dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ J 10 8 5
♥ 10 9 6
♦ J 9 5
♣ J 8 5

WEST
♠ —
♥ 4
♦ K Q 10 8 6 2
♣ A Q 10 7 6 3

EAST
♠ Q 9 4
♥ Q 7 5
♦ 7 4 3
♣ K 9 4 2

SOUTH
♠ A K 7 6 3 2
♥ A K J 8 3 2
♦ A
♣ —

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
2 ♣	2 ♦	Pass	Pass
2 ♠	3 ♣	4 ♠	5 ♣
6 ♠			

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

Winning technique

Good technique in declarer play is simply a matter of consistently choosing the play that has the best chance to succeed. Every deal offers opportunities for good technique, and it is up to declarer to make the most of them.

In today's hand declarer was guilty of poor technique. He won the opening diamond lead and cashed the ace of spades, on which West showed out. South could see no way to get to dummy to finesse against East's queen of spades, so he cashed the king and then played the A-K of hearts, hoping the queen would fall. When it didn't, he was down one.

Declarer should have made the contract. His proper play, after West shows out of spades, is to lead a low heart toward dummy!

Before discussing the reasons for this play, let's examine its effect. East wins the nine of hearts with the queen. South ruffs the diamond or club return, crosses to the ten of hearts and takes the indicated spade finesse to make the slam. As the cards lie, declarer can also make the slam by playing the A-K-x of spades and later entering dummy with the jack of spades to take a heart finesse.

But this line of play fails if West was dealt the Q-x of hearts.

There is excellent reason for South to lead a low heart from his hand at trick three. If East started with Q-x-x-x, Q-x-x, x-x-x, Q-x or x-x, declarer cannot be prevented from eventually gaining entry to dummy with a heart.

Only if East started with the singleton queen of hearts does this approach fail. This one possibility is heavily outweighed by the others.

Note that in his deliberations, South does not consider the possibility of East's being dealt a singleton small heart, since in that case the contract cannot be made no matter how he proceeds.

Tomorrow: No easy road to success.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

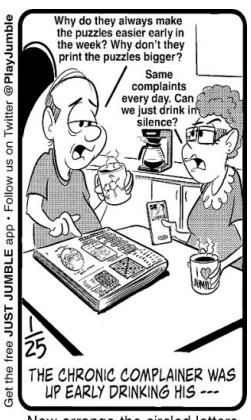
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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GGION

SIFNUO

MACERY



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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

" " " "

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: TIGER CRIMP SQUALL RESUME
Answer: Her cat wanted attention, so she gave him some — "PURR" HIS REQUEST

TODAY'S SUDOKU

		1			7	9		
4	9			2	6		7	5
							3	
							2	
	2		8		5		6	
	8			4				
	5							
8	3			7			5	6
		7	6			1		

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit **www.sudoku.org.uk**

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

4	7	3	9	6	5	8	2	1
9	5	8	2	4	1	7	3	6
1	2	6	3	7	8	4	9	5
7	4	5	8	1	2	9	6	3
6	3	2	4	5	9	1	8	7
8	1	9	6	3	7	2	5	4
3	9	1	7	2	6	5	4	8
5	8	4	1	9	3	6	7	2
2	6	7	5	8	4	3	1	9

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS CROSSWORD PUZZLE

I	R	A	Q	■	D	R	A	G	S	■	C	H	A	P
G	U	R	U	■	A	U	R	U	M	■	E	A	R	L
A	M	M	O	■	N	E	G	L	I	G	E	N	C	E
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A	G	R	E	E	■	■	■	S	K	I	■	E	N	S
L	O	O	■	L	O	N	G	■	■	L	A	N	G	E
K	A	N	G	A	R	O	O	R	A	T	S	■	■	■
A	L	A	I	■	E	N	T	E	R	■	K	A	T	O
■	■	■	S	H	O	O	T	I	N	G	S	T	A	R
S	K	A	T	E	■	■	A	N	O	N	■	O	I	L
T	A	C	■	A	E	R	■	■	■	A	P	P	L	Y
A	R	T	S	P	R	O	J	E	C	T	S	■	■	■
L	A	S	T	S	E	C	O	N	D	■	Y	O	G	I
A	T	O	E	■	C	H	A	I	R	■	C	H	E	W
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Zippy — "KEEP REFRIGERATED"



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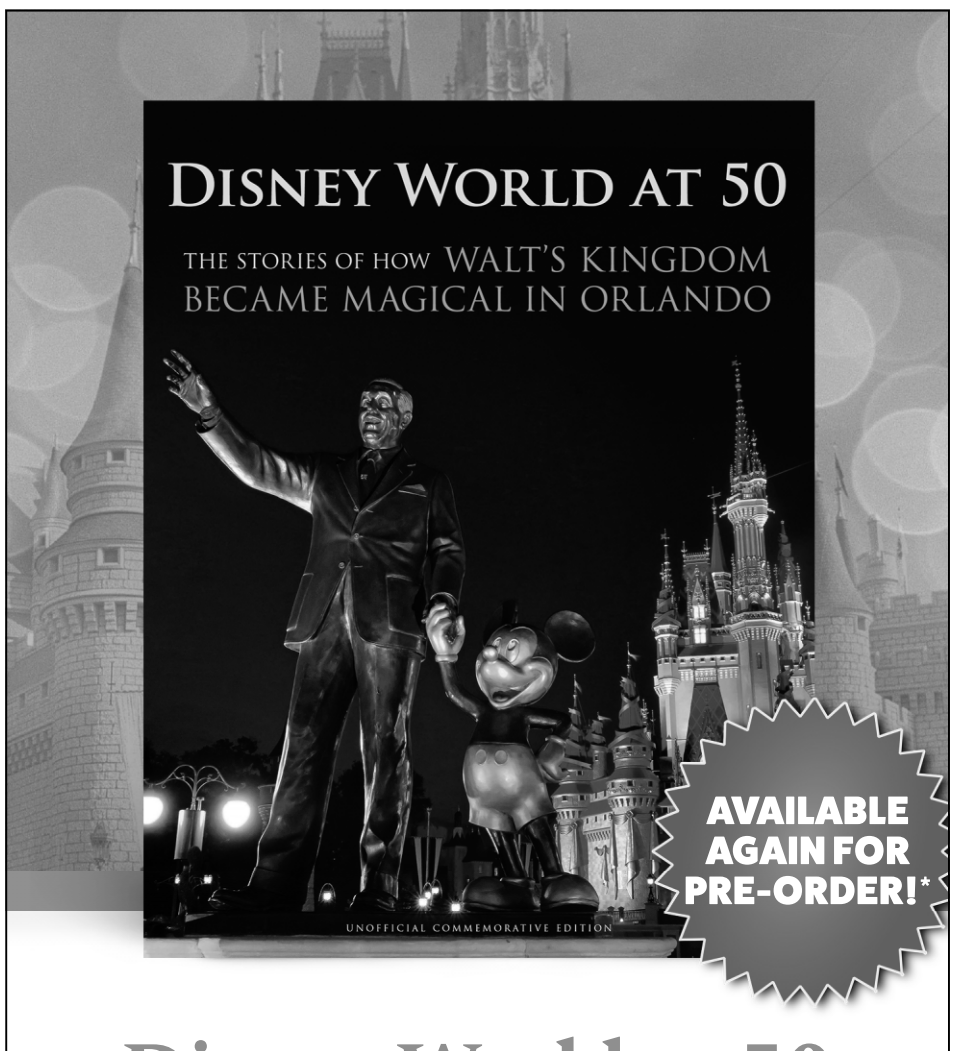
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UCONN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Griffin surprises team before St. John's game

Forward, still recovering from back surgery, makes appearance at team meeting

By Alexa Philippou
Hartford Courant

Before the UConn Huskies took on St. John's in Queens on Sunday afternoon, they received a special surprise.

During a team meeting prior to tipoff, junior Aubrey Griffin walked into the room, and the Huskies erupted in cheers. They raced to the door, some players literally jumping with joy, and took turns hugging their beloved teammate — a touching moment in a season marred by so many injuries and COVID-19 related issues.

Griffin, who's been a key rotation piece for the Huskies since her freshman season, never stepped foot on the court for her junior campaign as she dealt with ankle and knee issues as well as a bulging disk in her back (specifically L5-S1), which ultimately proved to be a season-ending ailment. She underwent surgery Jan. 10 to repair it, at which point coach Geno Auriemma announced she'd officially miss the 2021-22 season.

The Huskies, who dropped a spot to No. 10 in the latest Associated Press Top 25 released Monday, hadn't seen Griffin since before the holiday break, as she's spent the last two weeks recovering at home in Ossining, New York. But with Queens being a quick car trip away, she was able to make it to the game and reunite with her teammates.

"We didn't know she was coming, so it got me," freshman Caroline Ducharme said after the game.

"I got a little emotional," added graduate student Dorka Juhász. "But we were very happy. It's been so hard that we're always without our teammates. And finally, we looked around and everybody was there, and that was just great. That's what keeps us going."

Audrey Sterling, Griffin's mother, told The Courant this weekend that Griffin is "recovering well" from the surgery. Griffin is supposed to rest for a minimum of one month, and after that will do three to four months of physical therapy, after which she can return to the court. Griffin is currently completing her spring semester classes online but will probably conduct her physical therapy in Storrs, Sterling said.

"She's in good spirits now," Sterling said. "Initially, it was very disappointing because obviously she wants to help her team, and she wanted to be back out there awhile ago. It was frustrating at first, but she's in good

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CAVALIERS 95, KNICKS 93



The Cavaliers' Ed Davis, left, knocks the ball loose from the Knicks' RJ Barrett in the second half Monday in Cleveland. The Cavaliers won 95-93.
TONY DEJAK/AP

Late rally falls short

Love, Garland help Cavs hold off Knicks

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Kevin Love scored 20 points — nine straight in a 3-point barrage in just over a minute — and Darius Garland had 12 assists as the Cleveland Cavaliers survived a late rally by New York to beat the Knicks 95-93 on Monday night.

Down by 15 in the fourth quarter, the Knicks rallied but came up short as Julius Randle's 38-foot 3-pointer at the buzzer was way short.

Garland hit a late 3-pointer, rookie Evan Mobley had 15 points and 12 rebounds, and Isaac Okoro scored 14 points for the Cavs, who have won seven of eight and played much better after a sloppy win over Oklahoma City on Saturday.

RJ Barrett scored 24 points and Randle 18 for the Knicks. New York had several chances in the final two minutes, but Immanuel Quickly missed an ill-advised 3-pointer (he was 1 of 10 from the field) and Barrett was long on a 3.

Love, who has embraced his role as a reserve this season, scored 14 in the third quarter as the Cavs built a 14-point lead. The five-time All-Star dropped his three 3-pointers in a span of 67 seconds in the third.

After his final make, coming on Garland's 11th assist, Love wrapped his arms around Cleveland's young point guard during a timeout as the Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse crowd roared.

The Cavs led 86-71 with 9:41

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BASEBALL HALL OF FAME

Ortiz, Clemens, Bonds to be close calls for Cooperstown

By Jake Seiner
Associated Press

Barry Bonds and Roger Clemens, with eight MVPs and seven Cy Young Awards between them, are in the bottom of the last inning in their Hall of Fame bids. Either they get in Tuesday — and it's going to be close — or Cooperstown may elude them entirely.

David Ortiz knows a thing or two about clutch swings late in the game, but he might put this one away in his first at-bat.

Bonds, Clemens and Ortiz appear to be the only players with a chance at Hall of Fame enshrinement when results are unveiled Tuesday, with Ortiz most likely to get in on his first try.

Bonds and Clemens are in their 10th and final year on the ballot for the Baseball Writers' Association of America. Due largely

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Red Sox DH David Ortiz



Yankees pitcher Roger Clemens



Giants OF Barry Bonds

UCONN MEN'S BASKETBALL

Hurley wants to maintain defensive identity

By Shreyas Laddha
Hartford Courant

The UConn men's basketball team is starting to show how dangerous it can be when fully healthy.

UConn faces Georgetown at Gampel Pavilion on Tuesday night coming off two straight dominant victories in a home-and-home series against Butler. Coach Dan Hurley said he feels good about the Huskies' recent play.

Up next
Georgetown at UConn (Gampel)
8:30 p.m., CBSSN

"I think we have a lot of confidence in who we are when we are healthy and we've got close to our full team," Hurley said. "We've got a lot of potential.

"With Adama (Sanogo) back, we've got a really good mix of inside and out that makes it hard on the other team defensively."

The Huskies moved up to No. 20 in the Associated Press rankings Monday. The Big East had five teams make the rankings with Villanova at No. 14, Providence at No. 17, UConn, Xavier at No. 21 and Marquette at No. 22.

While the Huskies move up the Big East standings, Hurley doesn't want them to stray from their defensive identity.

"I think the mentality right now for us we've really got to be glued to our identity or else we are not quite that team," Hurley said. "We've got to play that elite-level defense. We've got to clean up the defensive rebounding in particular. It's really hurt us a lot this year, quietly. It's really been our Achilles' heel this year. ... If we stray from our identity a little bit, we become vulnerable.

UConn's top-three scorers (Sanogo, R.J Cole, and Tyrese Martin) have made the team balanced offensively.

"I don't think there is another team in the country that has [three players averaging] 14 points a game or higher," Hurley said. "We are hard to prepare for."

While the Hoyas have struggled lately, Georgetown vs. UConn is a historic rivalry that

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Safety Tip of the Day

Winter storms can lead to power outages. Make sure you have working flashlights and a battery-powered radio in case a problem develops.

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UP NEXT

UConn MBB: Georgetown (Gampel), Tuesday, 8:30 p.m.; at DePaul, Saturday, 6:30 p.m.; Creighton (XL), Feb. 1, 6:30 p.m.
UConn WBB: at DePaul, Wednesday, 8 p.m.; at Providence, Sunday, 11 a.m.; at Creighton, Feb. 2, 7:30 p.m.
Celtics: Kings, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.; at Hawks, Friday, 7:30 p.m.; at Pelicans, Saturday, 7 p.m.
Knicks: at Heat, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; at Bucks, Friday, 10 p.m.; Kings, Monday, 7:30 p.m.
Nets: Lakers, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.; Nuggets, Wednesday, 8 p.m.; at Warriors, Saturday, 8:30 p.m.
UConn hockey: Merrimack, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; vs. Yale (CT Collegiate Tourney), Saturday, 3:30 p.m.; vs. Quinnipiac/Sacred Heart (CT Collegiate Tourney), Sunday, time TBD
Bruins: at Avalanche, Wednesday, 10 p.m.; at Coyotes, Friday, 9 p.m.; at Stars, Sunday, 7 p.m.
Rangers: at Blue Jackets, Thursday, 7 p.m.; Wild, Friday, 8 p.m.; Kraken, Sunday, 1 p.m.
Wolf Pack: Springfield, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Providence, Friday, 7 p.m.; Lehigh Valley, Saturday, 7 p.m.

TV/RADIO

BASKETBALL
6:30 p.m.: Alabama at Georgia. (Live) SEC
6:30 p.m.: Richmond at Rhode Island. (Live) CBSSN
7 p.m.: Hornets at Raptors. (Live) SPRTNET
7 p.m.: Michigan State at Illinois. (Live) ESPN
7 p.m.: Clemson at Duke. (Live) ESPN2
7 p.m.: Cincinnati at Temple. (Live) ESPNU
7 p.m.: DePaul at Villanova. (Live) FS1
7:30 p.m.: Kings at Celtics. (Live), NBCSB
7:30 p.m.: Lakers at Nets. (Live), TNT
8 p.m.: Syracuse at Pittsburgh. (Live) ACC
8:30 p.m.: Auburn at Missouri. (Live) SEC
8:30 p.m.: College: Georgetown at UConn. (Live), CBSSN
9 p.m.: Mississippi State at Kentucky. (Live) ESPN
9 p.m.: Texas at TCU. (Live) ESPNU
9 p.m.: Nevada at Colorado State. (Live) FS1
10 p.m.: Mavericks at Warriors. (Live) TNT
11 p.m.: Arizona at UCLA. (Live) ESPN
GOLF
4:30 p.m.: Southwestern Invitational, Second Round. (Live) GOLF
HOCKEY
2 p.m.: Ducks at Bruins. (Taped) NHL
3 p.m.: Kings at Rangers. (Taped) NHL
TENNIS
7 a.m.: 2022 Australian Open Tennis Men's & Women's Quarterfinals. (Taped) TENNIS
9 p.m.: 2022 Australian Open Tennis Quarterfinals. (Live) ESPN2

HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Somers' St. Germain named Gatorade Connecticut Girls Player of the Year

Somers senior Rachel St. Germain, who won the State Open and Class S championships in cross country last fall, was named the Gatorade Connecticut Girls Cross Country Player of the Year on Monday.

St. Germain, who will attend Quinnipiac University this fall, also finished second at the New England championships. She won the State Open in 18:02 and the Class S meet in 18:42 and helped Somers to a state title. She also won at the Wickham Park Invitational, the Stratton Brook Invitational and the Winding Trails Invitational.

"This year not only did Rachel accomplish her goals, but she surpassed them," Somers High School coach Michael Szafir said, according to the Gatorade press release. "She became a Connecticut state champion and finished second in the New England race, which is a big deal for anyone, but is not often done by a runner from a small school."

— Lori Riley

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL WEEK 6

Manchester's Reiser gets 500th win

By Lori Riley
Hartford Courant



Manchester coach John Reiser got his 500th win Jan. 15 against Achievement First. Reiser has coached boys and girls at Manchester, as well as boys teams at Rocky Hill and Rockville over his 34-year career. **COURANT FILE PHOTO**

Manchester boys basketball coach John Reiser won his 500th career game on Jan. 15 against Achievement First.

"I didn't even tell my players I had gotten it, but where I teach, at Rocky Hill, the staff knew about it," Reiser said. "Then Manchester found out about it. We were playing Cheney Tech. They announced it before the game, and the players were like, 'Coach, we didn't know.' I said, 'Yeah, let's just focus on the game.'"

Reiser's record spans 34 seasons of coaching both boys and girls basketball. He currently has 251 wins in each sport. Reiser is in his seventh season coaching the Manchester boys. Before that, he coached the Manchester girls for 14 years. He started coaching boys at Rockville High for eight years, then went to Rocky Hill for five years before moving over to Manchester.

His overall record is 502-273.

"You know what it means? It means I've been doing it a long time," Reiser said.

The 64-53 win over Achievement First came in the middle of a five-game winning streak for the Red Hawks, broken Friday with a 62-49 loss to Middletown. Manchester is 7-3.

Reiser joins the ranks of other state coaches who have won over 500 games coaching both boys and girls, most notably Bacon Academy's Dave Shea, who coached the boys for 23 years and the girls for 25 and went 788-308 overall, and Pete Shuler, who won 528 games coaching the Westbrook girls for 17 years, the North Branford boys for 11 years and the Griswold boys for three years.

Players of the week

Gianluca Albert, Cromwell: Albert had a career-high 32 points in a 71-47 win over Old Saybrook on Friday, then had 20 in a 43-31 win over Valley on Saturday night. He also had 20 in a 55-51 victory over Portland last Tuesday.
Jaydon Buckle, Windsor Locks: Buckle hit 12 free throws and had 26 points in a 57-47 victory over East Granby on Friday.
Michael Coggins, Suffield: Coggins had 27 points in a 67-52 win over East Windsor on Friday.
Quintin Floyd, Windsor: Floyd made four free throws in the last 21 seconds of the game to give Windsor a 67-64 win over Ridgefield on Saturday. The sophomore point guard had 18 points in the victory. He had 10 points, seven assists and seven steals in an 88-46 win over Glastonbury last Monday.
Jamie Leggett, St. Paul: Leggett had 27 points in a 43-33 win over Watertown last Tuesday.
Abijah Miller, SMSA: Miller had 22 rebounds and 10 points in a 58-46 win over Bulkeley to boost SMSA to 8-0 last Tuesday.
Favour Okeke, East Hartford: Okeke had 34 points and five rebounds in a 76-62 win over New Britain on Friday.
Cody Palazzesi, Somers: Palazessi scored 39 points, including five 3-pointers, as Somers knocked off Granby 62-52 on Friday.
Dylan Resendes, Rockville: Resendes scored 28 points and hit nine free throws in a 65-50 win over Bolton on Friday.
Chris Wilson, Weaver: Wilson had 23 rebounds and 14 points in a 69-65 win over Hartford Public last Monday and 12 rebounds and 10 points last Tuesday in a 69-28 win over MLC.

Teams of the week

Cromwell: The Panthers are 8-0 after a 55-51 win over Portland and victories over Old Saybrook and Valley Regional last week. They have another busy week with games against Old Lyme, North Branford and Hale Ray.
RHAM: The Raptors are 11-0 with wins over Putnam and Rocky Hill last week and games with Wethersfield and Bulkeley coming up this week. Their next big test will be Jan. 31 when they host East Catholic.
SMSA: SMSA went to 9-0 on Friday after a 83-71 victory over HMTCA behind King Shaw's 27 points and 12 rebounds. Daniel Hernandez added 23 points for SMSA.

Storylines of the week

■ Bristol Central tied a school record with its 24th straight win last Monday, a 74-30 victory over Maloney, and broke the record with an 80-50 win over Middletown last Tuesday.
■ After losing to Rockville 59-46 last Tuesday, Somers (6-2) handed Granby its second loss, 62-52, Friday night behind 39 points from Cody Palazzesi in a key NCCC game.
■ Windsor (8-1) kept rolling with a 65-62 win over Ridgefield (8-1) in a game between two of the state's top teams. It was another game down to the wire, just like the East Catholic game on Jan. 11, which Windsor won in overtime 70-66. Point guard Quintin Floyd fouled out in the fourth quarter of the East Catholic game, and the offense was disjointed but found a way to win. On Saturday, Floyd stayed in the game and had 11 fourth-quarter points.

Games to watch this week

SMSA at Ellington, Tuesday: The Purple Knights will try to bounce back from a loss to Stafford on Friday night that snapped their seven-game winning streak as they host undefeated SMSA (9-0).
Farmington at Windsor, Friday: Farmington (7-3) is on a four-game winning streak. After games with New Britain and Tolland earlier in the week, the River Hawks will be tested on Friday with an away game at Windsor.
Prince Tech at Windham Tech, Friday: Prince Tech (7-2) will travel to face Windham Tech (10-1), which has won six in a row. Prince Tech's only losses have come to Middletown and Greenwich.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL WEEK 6

Conard hands RHAM its first loss

By Lori Riley
Hartford Courant



Windsor's Ayanna Franks, shown last year in the CCC Tournament semifinals, had 28 points in a win over Hall last week. **STEVE SMITH/ COURANT COMMUNITY**

The Conard girls basketball team had lost two of its last three games coming into Friday's game against RHAM.

This time, everything went right as Conard defeated RHAM 36-33 to knock the Raptors (10-1) out of the unbeaten ranks.

"I can say this is one of the hardest-working teams I've coached," Conard coach Laurie Cersosimo said. "They don't give up and they're a great group of kids and we just played together and it was a really awesome win.

"It was neck and neck the entire game. It was a really physical game. RHAM is physical, well-coached. We're physical. It just came down to doing the right things. This is a young group mixed in with an older group, and we're constantly talking about doing the little things. They did many of those little things — not all but many of the little things we've been pushing for. It was a complete team effort."

Conard held RHAM to its lowest point total of the season.

"Our defense is really good, for the group we have," Cersosimo said. "I try not to hype them up, but the seniors and juniors knew RHAM was undefeated. It was a special moment for them to see that despite a 5-6 record, you guys can play with anybody. We're 5-6, but it's not a reflection of the type of team we are."

Players of the week

Jordan Anderson, Lewis Mills: Anderson hit the game-winning 3-pointer with 3 seconds left and had eight points in a 33-30 victory over Tolland on Friday.
Abby Bradbury, Valley Regional: Bradbury had 19 points in a 41-37 victory over Somers on Saturday.
Sydney Cassidy, Somers: Cassidy scored 19 points in a 41-37 loss to unbeaten Valley Regional on Saturday.
Julia Favalora, Haddam-Killingworth: Favalora had 21 points in a 51-46 overtime win over Coginchaug last Tuesday.
Lilly Ferguson, Newington: Ferguson had 25 points and eight rebounds in a 51-39 win over Danbury on Saturday.
Ayanna Franks, Windsor: Franks scored 28 points and had 16 rebounds, four steals and three assists in a 58-52 win over Hall on Saturday and 22 points in a 51-47 win over Wethersfield last Tuesday.
Marissa Nudd, Bacon Academy: Nudd scored 27 points in a 69-48 victory over Waterford on Friday.
Tyah Petteway, Middletown: Petteway had 26 points in a 66-48 win over Bristol Eastern last Tuesday and 18 in a 65-35 win over Bloomfield on Friday.
Nadia Reimer, St. Paul: Reimer scored 23 points in a 71-43 win over Watertown last Tuesday and 10 points in a 48-40 victory over Oxford on Friday.
Lillian Sirois, Bristol Central: Sirois, a senior, scored 22 points to boost Bristol Central to its second victory, a 43-34 win over Plainville last Tuesday, and 25 points in a 55-42 victory over Bristol Eastern on Saturday.

Teams of the week

Glastonbury: After losing three straight, to unbeaten Newington, Southington and Farmington, the Guardians have won their last four games and are 7-4.
Hand: The Tigers (10-2) have won four straight and nine of their last 10 games with victories over Law, Farmington and Guilford last week.
Valley Regional: Valley Regional stayed undefeated at 9-0 with a 59-37 win over Somers (7-2) on Saturday.

Storylines of the week

■ Bristol Central beat Bristol Eastern for the first time since 2004, breaking a 32-game losing streak to its crosstown rival with a 55-42 victory on Saturday. The Rams, led by senior Sirois' 25 points, have won three straight after losing their first seven games.
■ Simsbury's Lauren Sabia scored five points in the last 35 seconds to fuel a 37-34 comeback win over Ridgefield on Saturday. Olivia Jarvis had 13 points for Simsbury (11-1). Ridgefield is 9-2, with its only other loss coming to Newington.
■ In a showdown between two of the CCC's top players, Middletown's Tyah Petteway and Bristol Eastern's Ciara Collins, Middletown won 66-48 last Tuesday. Petteway had 26 points, and Collins finished with 23.

Games to watch this week

Simsbury at Middletown, Tuesday: Simsbury (11-1) brings its defensive game to Middletown (9-2) and will try to keep its six-game winning streak alive.
Newington at East Hartford, Friday: Two of the top players in the state face off — Lilly Ferguson of Newington vs. Shailyn Pinkney of East Hartford. Newington is 12-0; East Hartford is 9-1.
Enfield at RHAM, Friday: Enfield (10-1) has won eight straight with its only loss coming to E.O. Smith. RHAM, also 10-1, suffered its only lost to Conard on Friday.

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Knicks

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left after Dean Wade dropped a 3-pointer.

But the Knicks fought back as Barrett, Quentin Grimes and Obi Toppin made 3-pointers in an 11-0 burst. New York caught Cleveland when Randle muscled way his to the hoop for a layup to tie it 91-all.

Garland countered with a 3-pointer in the corner — he finished with 13 points — and the Cavs did just enough to hang on.

Toppin, who played at Dayton and had some vocal supporters on hand, gave the Knicks a spark early in the second quarter. He knocked down a pair of 3-pointers and scored on a layup to fuel a 13-2 run that gave New York a 36-30 lead.

Tip-ins

Knicks: Went 11 of 21 on free throws. ... C Mitchell Robinson sat out with a sprained right ankle sustained on Sunday against the Clippers. ... Derrick Rose remains sidelined with a right ankle sprain. He last played on Dec. 16.

Cavaliers: Were missing two-thirds of their "tall ball" lineup as both center Jarrett Allen (illness) and 7-foot forward Lauri Markkanen (ankle) sat out. Markkanen got hurt Saturday. The team is maintaining he's day to day, but it's safe to assume he'll likely miss multiple games, if not weeks. ... Former Cavs guard José Calderón attended his first game since being added to the front office as a special advisor. Calderón played the 2017-18 season with Cleveland.

Up next

Knicks: Continue their three-game trip Wednesday at Miami.
Cavaliers: Host the defending champion Milwaukee Bucks on Wednesday.

SCOREBOARD

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Brooklyn	29	17	.630	—
Philadelphia	27	19	.587	2
Boston	24	24	.500	6
Toronto	22	22	.500	6
New York	23	25	.479	7

SOUTHEAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Miami	30	17	.638	—
Charlotte	26	21	.553	4
Washington	23	24	.489	7
Atlanta	21	25	.457	8 ½
Orlando	9	39	.188	21 ½

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago	28	17	.622	—
Milwaukee	30	19	.612	—
Cleveland	29	19	.604	½
Indiana	17	30	.362	12
Detroit	11	35	.239	17 ½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Memphis	32	17	.653	—
Dallas	27	20	.574	4
New Orleans	17	28	.378	13
San Antonio	17	30	.362	14
Houston	14	33	.298	17

NORTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Utah	30	17	.638	—
Denver	24	21	.533	5
Minnesota	23	23	.500	6 ½
Portland	20	26	.435	9 ½
Oklahoma City	14	32	.304	15 ½

PACIFIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Phoenix	36	9	.800	—
Golden State	34	13	.723	3
L.A. Lakers	23	24	.489	14
L.A. Clippers	23	25	.479	14 ½
Sacramento	18	30	.375	19 ½

MONDAY'S RESULTS
Cleveland 95, New York 93
Chicago at Oklahoma City, late
Indiana at New Orleans, late
Utah at Phoenix, late

TUESDAY'S GAMES
Charlotte at Toronto, 7p.m.
Denver at Detroit, 7p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Washington, 7p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Brooklyn, 7:30p.m.
Sacramento at Boston, 7:30p.m.
New Orleans at Philadelphia, 8p.m.
San Antonio at Houston, 8p.m.
Dallas at Golden State, 10p.m.
Minnesota at Portland, 10p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
Charlotte at Indiana, 7p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Orlando, 7p.m.
Milwaukee at Cleveland, 7p.m.
New York at Miami, 7:30p.m.
Sacramento at Atlanta, 7:30p.m.
Denver at Brooklyn, 8p.m.
Toronto at Chicago, 8p.m.
Memphis at San Antonio, 8:30p.m.
Dallas at Portland, 10p.m.
Phoenix at Utah, 10p.m.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
New York 110, L.A. Clippers 102
Boston 116, Washington 87
Portland 114, Toronto 105
Orlando 114, Chicago 95
Miami 113, L.A. Lakers 107
Philadelphia 115, San Antonio 109
Atlanta 113, Charlotte 91
Dallas 104, Memphis 91
Minnesota 136, Brooklyn 125
Denver 117, Detroit 111
Golden State 94, Utah 92

SOCCER

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

CLUB	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PT
Man City	23	18	3	2	55	14	57
Liverpool	22	14	6	2	58	19	48
Chelsea	24	13	8	3	48	18	47
Man United	22	11	5	6	36	30	38
West Ham	23	11	4	8	41	31	37
Arsenal	21	11	3	7	33	25	36
Tottenham	20	11	3	6	26	24	36
Wolverhampton	21	10	4	7	19	16	34
Brighton	22	6	12	4	23	23	30
Leicester	20	7	5	8	34	37	26
Aston Villa	21	8	2	11	28	32	26
Southampton	22	5	10	7	26	34	25
Crystal Palace	22	5	9	8	31	34	24
Brentford	23	6	5	12	26	38	23
Leeds	21	5	7	9	24	40	22
Everton	20	5	4	11	24	35	19
Norwich	22	4	4	14	13	45	16
Newcastle	21	2	9	10	21	43	15
Watford	20	4	2	14	23	40	14
Burnley	18	1	9	8	16	27	12

SATURDAY, FEB. 5
Burnley vs. Watford, 1p.m.

U.S. MEN'S SCHEDULE
q-Thursday: vs. El Salvador, 6:30 p.m
q-Jan. 30: vs. Canada, 3:05 p.m.
q-Feb. 2: vs. Honduras, 8:30 p.m.
q-March 24: vs. Mexico, TBD
q-March 27: vs. Panama, TBD
q-March 30: vs. Costa Rcia, TBD
q-World Cup qualifying

U.S. WOMEN'S SCHEDULE
s-Feb. 17: vs. Czech Republic, 11 p.m. at Dignity Health Sports Park, Carson, Calif.
s-Feb. 20: vs. New Zealand, 3 p.m. at Dignity Health Sports Park, Carson, Calif.
s-Feb. 23: vs. Iceland, 9 p.m. at Toyota Stadium, Frisco, Texas
s-SheBelieves Cup;

ODDS

COLLEGE BASKETBALL TUESDAY

FAVORITE	SP	UNDERDOOG
at Duke	12½	Clemson
at Illinois	5½	Michigan State
at Villanova	16	DePaul
at Baylor	13	Kansas State
Auburn	14½	at Missouri
at UConn	17	Georgetown
at Kentucky	9½	Mississippi State
Arizona	2	at UCLA
Alabama	14	at Georgia
at Bowling Green	7	E. Michigan
at Rutgers	3	Maryland
Missouri St.	5½	at Indiana State
Miami (Ohio)	2½	at Ball State
Cincinnati	2	at Temple
at Yale	17	Columbua
at Iona	16½	Siena
at Dayton	13	Fordhama
at N. Kentucky	1	Wright State
at Coll. Chas.	13½	Wm. & Mary
Syracuse	4	at Pittsburgh
at Loyola (Chi)	12	Southern Illinois
at N. Dakota St.	7½	St. Thomas (MN)
Fresno State	5	at New Mexico
at Boise State	5	Wyoming
Texas	2½	at TCU
Akron	11½	at Cent. Michigan
at Colorado State	7	Nevada
UCSB	6½	CS Northridge
at San Jose St.	1½	Air Force
at Oregon	7½	Colorado
at Ohio	17	Northern Illinois
at Toledo	5	Buffalo
at Rhode Island	2	Richmond

NBA TUESDAY

FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	UNDERDOG
Denver	7	(off)	at Detroit
at Washington	4½	(off)	LA Clippers
at Toronto	2	(off)	Charlotte
at Philadelphia	off	(off)	New Orleans
at Brooklyn	off	(off)	LA Lakers
at Boston	8	(off)	Sacramento
San Antonio	4	(off)	at Houston
at Portland	off	(off)	Minnesota
at Golden State	off	(off)	Dallas

NHL TUESDAY

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at Carolina	off	Vegas	off
at Ottawa	off	Buffalo	off
at New Jersey	off	Dallas	off
at Pittsburgh	off	Arizona	off
at NY Islanders	off	Philadelphia	off
at Winnipeg	off	Florida	off
at Seattle	off	Nashville	off
at Vancouver	off	Edmonton	off

NFL PLAYOFFS SUNDAY

FAVORITE	SP	O/U	UNDERDOG
at Kansas City	7	(54½)	Cincinnati
at LA Rams	3	(46½)	San Fran.

SUPER BOWL LVI CHAMPION

Kansas City	5-4	L.A. Rams	2-1
San Francisco	17-4	Cincinnati	9-1

source: bovada.lv

For the latest odds, go to FanDuel Sportsbook, https://sportsbook.fanduel.com/

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Florida	42	28	9	5	61	170	122
Tampa Bay	43	28	10	5	61	149	123
Toronto	38	25	10	3	53	129	100
Boston	39	24	13	2	50	122	107
Detroit	42	18	18	6	42	113	139
Buffalo	41	13	21	7	33	111	142
Ottawa	35	12	20	3	27	98	125
Montreal	40	8	25	7	23	88	146
METRO.	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**PTS**	**GF**	**GA**
N.Y. Rangers	42	27	11	4	58	129	108
Pittsburgh	41	26	10	5	57	139	108
Carolina	38	27	9	2	56	136	91
Washington	43	23	11	9	55	139	118
Columbus	39	18	20	1	37	121	139
New Jersey	40	15	20	5	35	117	140
N.Y. Islanders	34	14	14	6	34	80	91
Philadelphia	42	13	21	8	34	103	144

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Colorado	39	28	8	3	59	165	118
St. Louis	41	25	11	5	55	146	109
Nashville	43	26	14	3	55	134	118
Minnesota	37	24	10	3	51	141	113
Dallas	39	21	16	2	44	115	120
Winnipeg	38	17	14	7	41	111	114
Chicago	41	15	19	7	37	99	135
Arizona	40	10	26	4	24	89	152
PACIFIC	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**PTS**	**GF**	**GA**
Vegas	42	25	15	2	52	146	125
Anaheim	44	21	16	7	49	130	126
Los Angeles	42	21	16	5	47	119	115
San Jose	42	21	19	2	44	115	131
Calgary	36	18	12	6	42	113	93
Edmonton	37	19	16	2	40	122	126
Vancouver	41	18	19	4	40	103	116
Seattle	41	13	24	4	30	110	148

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

MONDAY'S RESULTS
Dallas 3, Philadelphia 1
Anaheim 5, Boston 3
Vegas 1, Washington 0
Los Angeles at N.Y. Rangers, late
Montreal at Minnesota, late
Chicago at Colorado, late
St. Louis at Calgary, late

TUESDAY'S GAMES
Arizona at Pittsburgh, 7p.m.
Buffalo at Ottawa, 7p.m.
Dallas at New Jersey, 7p.m.
Vegas at Carolina, 7p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Islanders, 7:30p.m.
Florida at Winnipeg, 8p.m.
Edmonton at Vancouver, 10p.m.
Nashville at Seattle, 10p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
Anaheim at Toronto, 7p.m.
Calgary at Columbus, 7p.m.
San Jose at Washington, 7p.m.
Chicago at Detroit, 7:30p.m.
Boston at Colorado, 10p.m.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Pittsburgh 3, Winnipeg 2 (SO)
Ottawa 2, Columbus 1
Los Angeles 3, New Jersey 2
Seattle 5, Florida 3
St. Louis 3, Vancouver 1

NFL PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS
Sunday's games
AFC: No. 4 Cincinnati (12-7) at No. 2 Kansas City (14-5), 3:05 p.m.
NFC: No. 6 San Francisco (12-7) at No. 4 L.A. Rams (14-5), 6:40 p.m.

SUPER BOWL LVI
Sunday, Feb. 13 at Sofi Stadium, Inglewood, Calif.
Conference champions, 6:30 p.m

LATE SUNDAY: KANSAS CITY 42, BUFFALO 36, OT

Buffalo	**7**	**7**	**7**	**15**	**0—**	**36**
Kansas City	**7**	**7**	**9**	**13**	**6—**	**42**

First Quarter
Buf: Singletary 1run (Bass kick), 8:03.
KC: Mahomes 8run (Butker kick), 2:26.
Second Quarter
KC: Pringle 2pass from Mahomes (Butker kick), 1:52.
Buf: Davis 18pass from Allen (Bass kick), :37.
Third Quarter
KC: FG Butker 39, 7:01.
KC: Hardman 25run (kick failed), 2:06.
Buf: Davis 75pass from Allen (Bass kick), 1:56.
Fourth Quarter
KC: FG Butker 28, 8:55.
Buf: Davis 27pass from Allen (Diggs pass from Allen), 1:54.
KC: Hill 64pass from Mahomes (Butker kick), 1:02.
Buf: Davis 19pass from Allen (Bass kick), :13.
KC: FG Butker 49, :00.
Overtime
KC: Kelce 8pass from Mahomes, 10:42.

TEAM STATS	BUF	KC
First downs	23	30
Total net yards	422	552
Rushes-yards	24-109	27-182
Passing	313	370
Punt returns	0-0	2-60
Kickoff returns	1-22	1-26
Comp-att-int	27-37-0	33-44-0
Sacked-yards lost	2-16	2-8
Punts	4-43.75	2-44.0
Fumbles-lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties-yards	3-15	1-10
Time of possession	27:37	36:41

RUSHING: Buf, Allen 11-68, Singletary 10-26, McKenzie 3-15. KC, Mahomes 7-69, Edwards-Helaire 7-60, Hardman 2-31, McKinnon 10-24, Hill 1-(-2).
PASSING: Buf, Allen 27-37-0-329. KC, Mahomes 33-44-0-378.
RECEIVING: Buf, Davis 8-201, Beasley 6-60, Singletary 4-25, Diggs 3-7, Knox 2-9, Gilliam 2-8, Sanders 1-16, McKenzie 1-3. KC, Hill 11-150, Kelce 8-96, McKinnon 5-54, Pringle 5-29, Gray 2-14, Hardman 1-26, Edwards-Helaire 1-9.
MISSED FIELD GOALS: KC, Butker 50.

BASEBALL

BBWAA HALL OF FAME BALLOT

HITTERS	YOB	WAR	H	HR	AVG
Barry Bonds	10	162.7	2935	762	.298
Scott Rolen	5	70.1	2077	316	.281
Omar Vizquel	5	45.6	2877	80	.272
Todd Helton	4	61.8	2519	369	.316
Gary Sheffield	8	60.5	2689	509	.292
Andruw Jones	5	62.7	1933	434	.254
Jeff Kent	9	55.5	2461	377	.290
Manny Ramirez	6	69.3	2574	555	.312
Sammy Sosa	10	58.6	2408	609	.273
Torii Hunter	2nd	50.7	2452	353	.277
Bobby Abreu	3rd	60.2	2470	288	.291
Alex Rodriguez	1st	117.5	3115	696	.295
David Ortiz	1st	55.3	2472	541	.286
Mark Teixeira	1st	50.6	1862	409	.268
Jimmy Rollins	1st	47.6	2455	231	.264
Carl Crawford	1st	39.1	1931	136	.290
Justin Morneau	1st	27.0	1603	247	.281
Prince Fielder	1st	23.8	1645	319	.283
A.J. Pierzynski	1st	23.8	2043	188	.280
Ryan Howard	1st	14.7	1475	382	.258

PITCHERS	YOB	WAR	W	L	ERA	SV
Curt Schilling	10	79.5	216	146	3.46	22
Roger Clemens	10	139.2	354	184	3.12	0
Billy Wagner	7	27.7	47	40	2.31	422
Andy Pettitte	4	60.2	256	153	3.85	0
Mark Buehrle	2nd	59.1	214	160	3.81	0
Tim Hudson	2nd	57.9	222	133	3.49	0
Jake Peavy	1st	39.2	152	126	3.63	0
Joe Nathan	1st	26.7	64	34	2.87	377
Tim Lincecum	1st	19.5	110	89	3.74	1
Jon. Papelbon	1st	23.3	41	36	2.44	368

Final results of the Baseball Writers' Association of America Hall of Fame balloting announced Tuesday.

GOLDEN DAYS ERA COMMITTEE

HITTERS	WAR	HR	SB	H	AVG
Gil Hodges	33.7	370	63	921	.273
Minnie Minoso	53.8	195	216	2110	.299
Tony Oliva	43.0	220	86	1917	.304
PITCHER	**WAR**	**W**	**L**	**ERA**	**SO**
Jim Kaat	50.5	283	237	3.45	2461

EARLY ERA COMMITTEE
Elected ast Pioneer/Executive
Bud Fowler Buck O'Neil
source: baseball-reference.com

TENNIS

110TH AUSTRALIAN OPEN
Monday at Melbourne Park, Melbourne, Australia, outdoors-hard
MEN'S FOURTH-ROUND SINGLES
#2 Daniil Medvedev d. Maxime Cressy, 6-2, 7-6(4), 6-7(4), 7-5.
#4 Stefanos Tsitsipas d. #20 Taylor Fritz, 4-6, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.
#9 Felix Auger-Aliassime d. #27 Marin Cilic, 2-6, 7-6(7), 6-2, 7-6(4).
#11 Jannik Sinner d. #32 Alex de Minaur, 7-6(3), 6-3, 6-4.
EARLY TUESDAY, QUARTERFINALS
#6 Rafael Nadal vs. #14Denis Shapovalov, late

WOMEN'S FOURTH-ROUN SINGLES
Kaia Kanepi d. #2 Aryna Sabalenka, 5-7, 6-2, 7-6(7).

KANEPI	TIME: 2:19.	SABALENKA
5	Aces	7
4	Double faults	15
49%	1st % serve in	64%
73%	Win % on 1st serve	71%
59%	Win % 2nd serve	46%
4-13	Break points won	3-8
4-7	Net points won	12-16
26-107	Receiving points won	32-106
30	Winners	36
5	Return winners	1
30	Unforced errors	46
1	Return unforced errors	9
111	Total points won	102
111 mph	Fastest serve	118 mph
103 mph	1st Serve average	107 mph
88 mph	2nd serve average	93 mph

#7 Iga Swiatek d. Sorana Cirstea, 5-7, 6-3, 6-3.
Alize Cornet d. #14 Simona Halep, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.
#27 Danielle Collins d. #19 Elise Mertens, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.
EARLY TUESDAY, QUARTERFINALS
#4 Barbora Krejcikova vs. Madinson Keys, late

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED
No. 1 Auburn (18-1) did not play. Next: at Missouri, Tuesday.
No. 2 Gonzaga (15-2) did not play. Next: vs. Loyola Marymount, Thursday.
No. 3 Arizona (16-1) did not play. Next: at No. 7 UCLA, Tuesday.
No. 4 Baylor (17-2) did not play. Next: vs. Kansas State, Tuesday.
No. 5 Kansas (16-2) vs. No. 13 Texas Tech. Next: .at No. 12 Kentucky, Saturday.
No. 6 Purdue (16-3) did not play. Next: at Iowa, Thursday.
No. 7 UCLA (13-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 3 Arizona, Tuesday.
No. 7 Houston (17-2) did not play. Next: at UCF, Saturday.
No. 9 Duke (15-3) did not play. Next: vs. Clemson, Tuesday.
No. 10 Michigan State (15-3) did not play. Next: at No. 24 Illinois, Tuesday.
No. 11 Wisconsin (15-3) did not play. Next: at Nebraska, Tuesday.
No. 12 Kentucky (15-4) did not play. Next: vs. Mississippi State, Tuesday.
No. 13 Texas Tech (15-4) at No. 5 Kansas. Next: vs. Mississippi State, Saturday.
No. 14 Villanova (14-5) did not play. Next: vs. DePaul, Tuesday.
No. 16 Southern Cal (16-2) vs. Arizona State. Next: vs. Stanford, Thursday
No. 16 Ohio State (12-4) did not play. Next: at Minnesota, Thursday.
No. 17 Providence (16-2) did not play. Next: at No. 21 Xavier, Wednesday.
No. 18 Tennessee (13-5) did not play. Next: vs. Florida, Wednesday.
No. 19 LSU (15-4) did not play. Next: vs. Texas A&M, Wednesday.
No. 20 UConn (13-4) did not play. Next: vs. Georgetown, Tuesday.
No. 21 Xavier (14-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 17 Providence, Wednesday.
No. 22 Marquette (14-6) did not play. Next: at Seton Hall, Wednesday.
No. 23 Iowa State (14-5) did not play. Next: at Oklahoma St., Wednesday.
No. 24 Illinois (13-5) did not play. Next: vs. No 10 Michigan State, Tuesday.
25. Davidson (16-2) did not play. Next: vs. VCU, Wednesday.

MONDAY'S SCORES
EAST
Anna Maria 80, Dean 61
Colgate 65, Loyola (Md.) 52
Conn. College 67, Albertus Magnus 55
Gwynedd-Mercy 65, Cabrini 61
Juniata 64, Goucher 49
Lafayette 69, American 56
Lasell 112, Elms 55
Maine 71, New Hampshire 64
Towson 69, Delaware 62
UNC-Wilmington 74, Northeastern 68
SOUTH
George Mason 77, Saint Joseph's 71
High Point 65, Winthrop 56
Jacksonville St. 65, Bellarmine 60
Kennesaw St. 76, Jacksonville 68
Longwood 73, Hampton 49
Mississippi 70, Florida 54
Morehead St. 67, Tennessee St. 54
Norfolk St. 82, Morgan St. 62
Virginia 64, Louisville 52
Wake Forest 87, Boston College 57
MIDWEST
Belmont 90, E. Illinois 56
Oakland 104, Michigan-Dearborn 61
South Dakota 75, W. Illinois 72
WEST
UMKC 111, Spurgeon Knights 44

WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED
No. 1 South Carolina (18-1) beat Vanderbilt 85-30. Next: vs. No. 24 Mississippi, Thursday.
No. 2 Stanford (14-3) did not play. Next: vs. Arizona State, Friday.
No. 3 NC State (18-2) did not play. Next: at North Carolina, Sunday.
No. 4 Tennessee (18-1) did not play. Next: at Auburn, Thursday.
No. 5 Louisville (16-2) did not play. Next: vs. Florida State, Thursday.
No. 6 Indiana (14-2) did not play. Next: vs. Illinois, Thursday.
No. 7 Michigan (17-2) beat Purdue 79-66. Next: at No. 22 Ohio State, Thursday.
No. 8 Arizona (14-2) did not play. Next: at California, Friday.
No. 9 Texas (14-3) did not play. Next: vs. Kansas State, Wednesday.
No. 10 UConn (11-4) did not play. Next: at DePaul, Wednesday.
No. 11 Baylor (13-4) did not play. Next: at Texas Tech, Wednesday.
No. 12 LSU (17-3) did not play. Next: at Arkansas, Thursday.
No. 13 Iowa State (16-3) did not play. Next: vs. Kansas, Wednesday.
No. 14 Georgia Tech (15-4) did not play. Next: vs. Boston College, Thursday.
No. 15 Georgia (15-4) did not play Next: at Mississippi, Sunday.
No. 16 BYU (16-1) beat San Diego 70-48. Next: vs. Santa Clara, Thursday.
No. 17 Maryland (13-6) did not play. Next: vs. Rutgers, Thursday.
No. 18 Oklahoma (16-3) did not play. Next: vs. Oklahoma State, Wednesday.
No. 19 Oregon (11-5) did not play. Next: vs. Utah, Wednesday.
No. 20 Notre Dame (14-4) did not play. Next: vs. Syracuse, Thursday.
No. 21 Duke (13-4) did not play. Next: vs. North Carolina, Thursday.
No. 22 Ohio State (15-3) did not play. Next: vs. No. 7 Michigan, Thursday.
No. 23 Iowa (12-4) did not play. Next: at Penn State, Tuesday.
No. 24 Mississippi (17-2) did not play. Next: at No. 1 South Carolina, Thursday.
No. 25 Kansas State (15-4) did not play. Next: at No. 9 Texas, Wednesday.

GOLF

PGA TOUR DRIVING DISTANCE

GOLFER	RD	AVG	TOTAL
Cameron Young	18	320.7	11,546
Matthew Wolff	19	320.0	12,160
Joseph Bramlett	26	318.3	16,553
Chan Kim	9	317.9	3,179
Luke List	28	317.1	15,222
Trey Mullinax	22	316.3	13,917
Jhonattan Vegas	21	316.2	10,751
Harry Hall	6	316.1	3,793
Wyndham Clark	26	315.6	13,885
Andy Ogletree	6	315.5	3,786
Taylor Pendrith	29	315.4	18,293
Eugenio Chacarra	6	314.4	3,773



Alize Cornet reacts after upsetting 14th-seeded Simona Halep 6-4, 3-6, 6-4 on Monday to advance to the quarterfinal round of the Australian Open. **TERTIUS PICKARD/AP**

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Cornet's victory a 'dream come true'

At 32, French player makes 1st Grand Slam quarterfinal

By John Pye
Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Alize Cornet dropped to her knees on the hard blue court, clasped her hands and took a few moments to let it sink in.

In her 17th trip to the Australia Open, her 63rd run at a Grand Slam, and two days after celebrating her 32nd birthday, Cornet finally qualified for the quarterfinals at one of the four major events in tennis.

The French player recovered after a second-set meltdown in the hot Melbourne sun Monday to advance to the last eight at the Australian Open with a 6-4, 3-6, 6-4 win over two-time major champion Simona Halep.

Cornet's victory over Halep, a former Wimbledon and French Open champion and runner-up in Australia, gave her a record for most appearances at a major before reaching the quarterfinals. Tamarine Tanasugarn previously held the mark at 45, set at Wimbledon in 2008.

"It's never too late to try again!" Cornet said in her on-court TV interview. "To be in my first quarterfinal. It's a dream come true. The journey goes on. I still can't believe it."

No. 115-ranked Kaia Kanepi had the same feeling, waiting until she was 36 to reach the quarterfinals in Australia and finally advancing when, after wasting four match points, she upset second-seeded Aryna Sabalenka 5-7, 6-2, 7-6 (7).

Within seconds, fourth-seeded Stefanos Tistsipas defeated No. 20 Taylor Fritz 4-6, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 on Rod Laver Arena to conclude Day 8.

Next up for Kanepi is 2020 French Open champion Iga Swiatek, who beat Sorana Cirstea 5-7, 6-3, 6-3.

Cornet will next play American Danielle Collins, a 2019 Australian Open semifinalist who beat 19th-seeded Elise Mertens 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 in an almost three-hour match to open play on Rod Laver Arena.

The marquee afternoon men's match was on Margaret Court Arena, where U.S. Open champion Daniil Medvedev beat 70th-ranked Maxime Cressy 6-2, 7-6 (4), 6-7 (4), 7-5.

The second-ranked Medvedev will next play ninth-seeded Felix Auger-Aliassime, who beat 2014 U.S. Open champ Marin Cilic 2-6, 7-6 (7), 6-2, 7-6 (4). Medvedev beat Cilic in the semifinals at last year's U.S. Open.

No. 11 Jannik Sinner ended Australia's last hope in the men's draw when he beat No. 32 Alex de Minaur 7-6 (3), 6-3, 6-4. He will next face Tsitsipas, last year's French Open runner-up.

At a glance

LOOKAHEAD TO TUESDAY: Two of the biggest names left in the tournament — Rafael Nadal and Ash Barty — play their quarterfinal matches at Melbourne Park. Nadal's opponent will be Denis Shapovalov, who surprised himself when he beat third-seeded Alexander Zverev in straight sets. The 22-year-old Canadian has reached the last eight at a Grand Slam for a third time, less than a month after a positive COVID-19 test on arrival in Australia threw his preparation into disarray. "I'm just really happy with where I am in terms of my game, in terms of the level, right now," Shapovalov said. He'll have a tough opponent in Nadal, who's playing in his 14th Australian Open quarterfinal. Nadal is trying to break a three-way tie for most men's major singles titles with Novak Djokovic and Roger Federer and win his 21st.

MONDAY'S RESULTS
Women's fourth round: Kaia Kanepi beat No. 2 Aryna Sabalenka 5-7, 6-2, 7-6 (7); Alize Cornet beat No. 14 Simona Halep 6-4, 3-6, 6-4; No. 27 Danielle Collins beat No. 19 Elise Mertens 4-6, 6-4, 6-4; No. 7 Iga Swiatek beat Sorana Cirstea 5-7, 6-3, 6-3.
Men's fourth round: No. 2 Daniil Medvedev beat Maxime Cressy 6-2, 7-6 (4), 6-7 (4), 7-5; No. 4 Stefanos Tsitsipas beat No. 20 Taylor Fritz 4-6, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4; No. 9 Felix Auger-Aliassime beat No. 27 Marin Cilic 2-6, 7-6 (7), 6-2, 7-6 (4); No. 11 Jannik Sinner beat No. 32 Alex de Minaur 7-6 (3), 6-3, 6-4.

THE NUMBER
63 — Grand Slam tournaments it took for Cornet to reach the quarterfinals.

IN BRIEF

MLB, union continue labor talks

News services

Locked-out Major League Baseball players withdrew their proposal for more liberalized free agency and lowered their proposed decrease in revenue sharing Monday.

Players had previously asked that players be allowed to become free agents after five years of service with some age provisions rather than the current six.

The union had asked that the revenue-sharing transfer amount be cut from $100 million annually to about $30 million.

Negotiators for each side met in person for the first time since Dec. 1, the day before the start of the sport's first work stoppage since 1995.

Veteran reliever Andrew Miller was the only player to attend the two-hour bargaining session.

Rockies owner Dick Monfort, the chairman of baseball's labor policy committee, was part of a four-man delegation from Major League Baseball, arriving at the union office shortly before 1 p.m. He was accompanied by Deputy Commissioner Dan Halem, executive vice president Morgan Sword and senior vice president Patrick Houlihan.

The sides planned to meet again Tuesday in New York, though it wasn't certain whether Miller and Montfort would be in attendance.

The counteroffer by the players' association was delivered 11 days after clubs gave the union a proposal when the snail-paced negotiations resumed following a 42-day break.

There's dwindling time to reach an agreement in time for spring training to start as scheduled on Feb. 16.

College basketball: Hall of Fame broadcaster Dick Vitale announced that he will not be appearing on ESPN for the remainder of the season due to ongoing treatment and future surgery for precancerous dysplasia on his vocal cords. Vitale first announced in late December that he needed to take a break to rest his ailing voice. Vitale, 82, previously disclosed in October that he had been diagnosed with lymphoma and that he was undergoing chemotherapy treatments. He made an emotional return to the airwaves on Nov. 23 for the Gonzaga-UCLA game in Las Vegas. The last game Vitale called was on Dec. 12 between Villanova and Baylor.

NFL: A day after NFL Network reported that longtime Saints coach Sean Payton hadn't yet committed to returning to the team next season, Saints owner Gayle Benson told local reporters, "I don't think any of us know (Payton's status), but he'll let us know soon enough." Payton, 58, is under contract through the 2024 season.

NHL: Flyers D Keith Yandle tied retired F Doug Jarvis for the league record of 964 consecutive games played. The 35-year-old Yandle, who started his streak March 26, 2009, with the Coyotes, and has played 1,074 games with four teams, set the mark in the Flyers' home game against the Stars. ... Penguins F Teddy Blueger will miss six to eight weeks after undergoing surgery to repair a fractured jaw. Blueger, 27, has eight goals and nine assists in 40 games this season.

Soccer: At least six people died in a crush outside a stadium hosting an Africa Cup of Nations game in Cameroon.

MEN'S BASKETBALL
Tuesday: vs. Georgetown at Gampel, 8:30 p.m., CBSSN

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Wednesday: at DePaul, 8 p.m., SNY

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UConn center Adama Sanogo (15.7 points), left, and guard Tyrese Martin (15.6), center, lead the Huskies in scoring entering Tuesday night's game against Georgetown. **AJ MAST/AP**

Huskies

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dates back to 1958.

"You don't want to be a fat rat, as Kimani (Young) likes to say," Hurley said. "You don't want to think that you can just show up. The point I made to the guys is that Georgetown vs. UConn means something. It means a lot to college basketball. We've got to show up, no matter what the record is."

This game is also the Coaches vs. Cancer game, where coaches and fans honor loved ones affected by cancer.

"I think about my wife's dad," Hurley said. "Andrea's dad died in his 50s of cancer, very, very, young ... and it affects my wife and my family. It's very emotional. I think about him a lot."

Here's everything you need to know about Tuesday night's matchup:

The basics

Time: 8:30 p.m., Tuesday
Place: Gampel Pavilion, Storrs
Series: Georgetown leads 36-32
Last meeting: UConn won, 98-82, on March 6, 2021, at Gampel Pavilion.
TV: CBS Sports Network
Live Stream: CBS app
Radio: UConn Sports Network (Mike Crispino, Wayne Norman). XM-385. SXM-app-975. 97.9-ESPN Hartford. WILI-1400-AM (Willimantic). WATR-1320-AM (Waterbury). WAVZ-1300-AM (New Haven). WGCH-1490-AM (Greenwich).

Georgetown (6-10, 0-5 Big East) probable starters, sixth man

Aminu Mohammed, G, 6-5, Fr.; Dante Harris, G, 6-0, So.; Kaiden Rice, G/F, 6-7, GS; Donald Carey, G, 6-5, GS; Malcolm Wilson, C, 7-0, Jr.; Collin Holloway, F, 6-6, So.

No. 20 UConn (13-4, 4-2) probable starters, sixth man

R.J. Cole, G, 6-1, GS; Isaiah Whaley, F, 6-9, GS; Adama Sanogo, F, 6-9, So.; Tyrese Martin, G/F, 6-6, Sr.; Andre Jackson, G/F, 6-6, So.; Jordan Hawkins, G, 6-5, Fr.

The matchup

UConn offense: Make sure to get the trio of Sanogo, Martin and Cole going early. On fast breaks, be more deliberate in taking the right shots.
UConn defense: UConn needs to defend well from the perimeter as Georgetown is tied for No. 27 in the NCAA in 3-point percentage with 37.8%. UConn also needs to make sure to box out as Georgetown averages 11.8 offensive rebounds a game, which is ranked No.12.
Georgetown offense: The team is pretty balanced, with five scorers averaging double digits (Mohammed, Carey, Rice, Harris and Holloway). Georgetown is also tied for No. 59 in pace with 71.9.
Georgetown defense: The Hoyas don't have a ton of rim protection as they have only one player (Mutombo) averaging more than one block a game. Overall, the defense is not great as they allow opponents to shoot an effective field goal percentage of 52.3 which is ranked No. 275 according to Kenpom.
UConn's key: The Huskies must play at their own pace while guarding well on the perimeter.
Player to watch: Martin. He's coming off a career-high 27 points against Butler, and it's important to see if he plays with similar energy in this game.
About Georgetown's coach: Patrick Ewing. The former Hoya became the first to win the Big East Tournament as a player and a coach when Georgetown won it in 2021.
Georgetown's mascot: Bulldog. The bulldog was chosen in 1962.
Georgetown famous alumni: NBA Hall of Famer Allen Iverson.

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UConn

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UConn forward Aubrey Griffin, second from left, pictured in December, underwent back surgery during the holiday break and won't play this season. **CLOE POISSON/ SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

spirits now. Just trying to keep her encouraged and let her know that she can come back and actually be healthy. That what's important, to make sure that she's 100% healthy."

Griffin posted an update to her Instagram earlier this week: "It's only up from here #seeyallnextyear".

Sterling said that Griffin's back started bothering her in March during the NCAA Tournament, and she did some rehab then to try to minimize the pain. As the problem persisted, she underwent an MRI over the summer revealing that she had a bulging disk. But things didn't get much better even with specific nonsurgical treatment following that diagnosis.

There was hope in early December that Griffin, who also sprained an ankle practicing in the preseason, would be able to make her season debut at Seton Hall, but her back wouldn't allow it. Before the holiday break, Griffin decided to go forward with surgery at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York.

Griffin's father, Adrian, also had surgery to remove a herniated disk during his NBA career and went on to play six of his nine seasons in the league after that, an added layer of comfort that Aubrey can make a smooth return, too. There is evidence that disk issues are hereditary.

With Griffin never playing this season, she will be eligible for a medical redshirt. Including the freebie year granted by the NCAA last season amid the COVID-19 pandemic, Griffin technically would have three more years of collegiate eligibility starting in 2022-23.

This isn't Griffin's first injury-related surgery: She tore an ACL prior to her sophomore season of high school, and so is familiar with the ups and downs that come with rehab and working back to the game, slowly yet surely.

"You've got to remember, you're mentally tougher now," Sterling said of her message to her daughter. "You've been through a situation that allows you to get stronger, and now you're in a situation that you know that you are going to come out on the other side."

Little moments here and there remind Griffin of what that'll be like. In the meantime, she's feeling the support from her UConn family. Her teammates FaceTimed her when she had surgery, and Auriemma has been sure to check in, too. She got to be on the sideline with her team Sunday as it improved to 6-0 in Big East play. Auriemma, who had previously said he expects Griffin to be 100% for the start of next season, said Sunday that Griffin told him "she feels better than she's felt in a long time," a hopeful harbinger of things to come next season and beyond.

"Watch out next year, because she's going to be hungrier than ever," Sterling said. "I know how it was after her surgery in high school. She came back with a vengeance and had a great year. So we're looking forward to it."

Evina Westbrook secures NIL representation

Redshirt senior Evina Westbrook became the latest Husky to secure representation for name, image and likeness licensing by signing with Gina Paradiso of ICM Partners, Khristina Williams of Girls Talk Sports TV reported Monday.

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GIANTS

Daboll gets 2nd interview for HC job, Quinn, his first

By Tom Cavavan
Associated Press

Buffalo Bills offensive coordinator Brian Daboll is getting a second interview for the vacant New York Giants head coaching job before some candidates have gotten a chance for a first meeting.

The Giants confirmed on Monday that Daboll will meet with co-owners John Mara and Steve Tisch and new general manager Joe Schoen on Tuesday at the team's headquarters in the Meadowlands sports complex in East Rutherford, N.J.

Daboll was first interviewed on a video call Friday, hours after Schoen, the former Bills assistant general manager, was hired to replace the retired Dave Gettleman.

The Bills have won the past two AFC East titles behind the play of quarterback Josh Allen and Daboll's high-powered offense. They have had the misfortune to run into Patrick Mahomes and the Kansas City Chiefs the past two postseasons, dropping a 42-36 overtime decision Sunday in the divisional round. They lost the AFC title game 38-24 last season.

Former Atlanta Falcons coach and current Dallas Cowboys defensive coordinator Dan Quinn was interviewed Monday. He was the fourth candidate interviewed, following Daboll, Bills defensive coordinator Leslie Frazier and Bengals defensive coordinator Lou Anarumo.

The Giants fired Joe Judge on Jan. 11 after a 4-13 season and a 10-23 overall record.

New York also has indicated it will speak with current Giants defensive coordinator Pat Graham and recently fired Miami coach Brian Flores about the job.

Hall

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to allegations of performance-enhancing drug use, they have been unable to reach the 75% threshold to earn a place among baseball's greats.

Bonds got 61.8% of the vote in 2021, and Clemens 61.6%. So far this year, Bonds has been included on 76.9% of public ballots tracked by bbhottracker.com, and Clemens is at 75.8%. The tracker has counted roughly 46% of the expected ballots, and players have historically received a lower percentage of votes from members who don't disclose their picks.

That means Bonds, with seven MVPs and a record 762 home runs, and Clemens, with seven Cy Youngs and an MVP, are likely to be frozen out.

Curt Schilling is also in his final year, but his support has dropped off since he finished 16 votes shy last year.

Ortiz, a 10-time All-Star who spent most of his career with the Boston Red Sox, is on 84.1% of public ballots. He leads a group of 13 first-time eligible players that also includes Alex Rodriguez, Jimmy Rollins, Ryan Howard and Tim Lincecum. Only A-Rod and Rollins seem to be getting serious consideration from voters, but neither will be close to induction this year.

Players elected Tuesday will be enshrined July 24 in Cooperstown, N.Y., along with era committee selections Buck O'Neil, Minnie Miñoso, Gil Hodges, Tony Oliva, Jim Kaat and Bud Fowler.

Bonds, Clemens and Rodriguez look like no-doubt Hall of Famers on the backs of their baseball cards, but PED suspicions have tarnished their reputations with many voters. Bonds has denied knowingly using PEDs, while Clemens has denied taking them outright. Rodriguez was banned by Major League Baseball for the entire 2014 season after violating the league's drug policy.

Ortiz also comes with some PED baggage, but voters are less bothered by the more shaky evidence of his use. His lone reported positive test for PEDs came during survey testing in 2003 that was supposed to be anonymous and used to determine whether to institute regular testing. Ortiz denied using steroids, and Commissioner Rob Manfred said in 2016, "I think it would be wrong" to exclude him from the Hall of Fame based on that lone test.

With a .286 average and 541 home runs, Ortiz may also stand to benefit from a recent shift by voters in their evaluations of designated hitters. Frank Thomas, Edgar Martinez and Harold Baines have all entered the Hall since 2014. Martinez made 71.7% of his plate appearances as a DH, most among Hall members. Ortiz would pass him at 88%.

BBWAA members are instructed to elect Hall members "based upon the player's record, playing ability, integrity, sportsmanship, character and contributions to the team(s) on which the player played." Nobody was selected last year, with Schilling coming closest.

Schilling has ostracized himself in retirement by directing hateful remarks toward Muslims, transgender people, journalists and others. He asked the Hall to remove his name from this year's ballot, but he remains a candidate. Enough voters have given up his cause to ensure he stays out, though — he is on just 61% of public ballots.

Others also have been dismissed by some voters for disturbing off-field behavior. Slick-fielding shortstop Omar Vizquel has been accused of domestic violence by his ex-wife and was sued over claims of sexual harassment by a former minor league bat boy last year. After receiving 52.6% of the vote in 2020, he's trending around 11% this year.

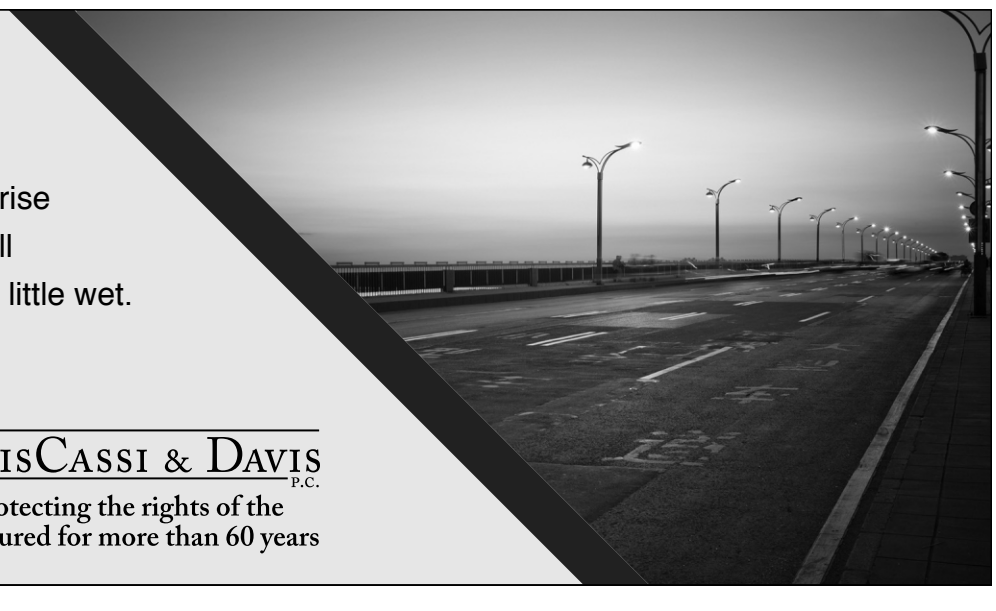
Bonds also has been accused of domestic violence, and Clemens of maintaining a decadelong relationship with a singer who was 15 when they met.

Other first-timers among this year's candidates are Justin Morneau, Jake Peavy, Carl Crawford, Prince Fielder, Joe Nathan, Jonathan Papelbon, A.J. Pierzynski and Mark Teixeira. Players must appear on at least 5% of ballots to remain in next year's pool. None of those players are above that threshold on the public ballots.

Several other players are poised to make gains that could portend a future election, including Scott Rolen (fifth year), Todd Helton (fourth), Andruw Jones (fifth) and Billy Wagner (seventh).

Did you know?

Any icy bridge's most dangerous threat is its element of surprise - it catches drivers off guard, particularly those traveling at full speed because the rest of the roads are either clear or just a little wet.



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SHORTS

Auburn men's hoops No. 1 for 1st time

War Eagle is flying high over men's college basketball for the first time in history. A barely ranked afterthought to begin the season, Auburn climbed past Gonzaga to No. 1 in the AP Top 25 poll released Monday. The Tigers beat Kentucky over the weekend for their 15th consecutive win, then scooped up 45 of 61 first-place votes to become the nation's top-ranked team for the first time since the poll began with the 1948-49 season. The Bulldogs dropped to No. 2 with 15 first-place votes. Arizona remained third and earned the other No. 1 vote. "The No. 1 ranking matters because it's historical," Tigers coach Bruce Pearl said Monday. "I'm very happy for Auburn. I'm very happy for my coaches and or players to have been been able to achieve that. That said, we got a lot of work to do." This week alone, it includes a trip to Missouri on Tuesday night and a showdown with Oklahoma on Saturday. The Tigers (18-1, 15-0 SEC) spent most of the 1999-2000 season ranked in the top 10, including one week at No. 2. They also spent a week at No. 2 late in the 1998-99 season and another week at No. 2 back in February 1959. But being No. 1? That's a whole new experience. The Tigers are the fifth team to reach that spot this season.

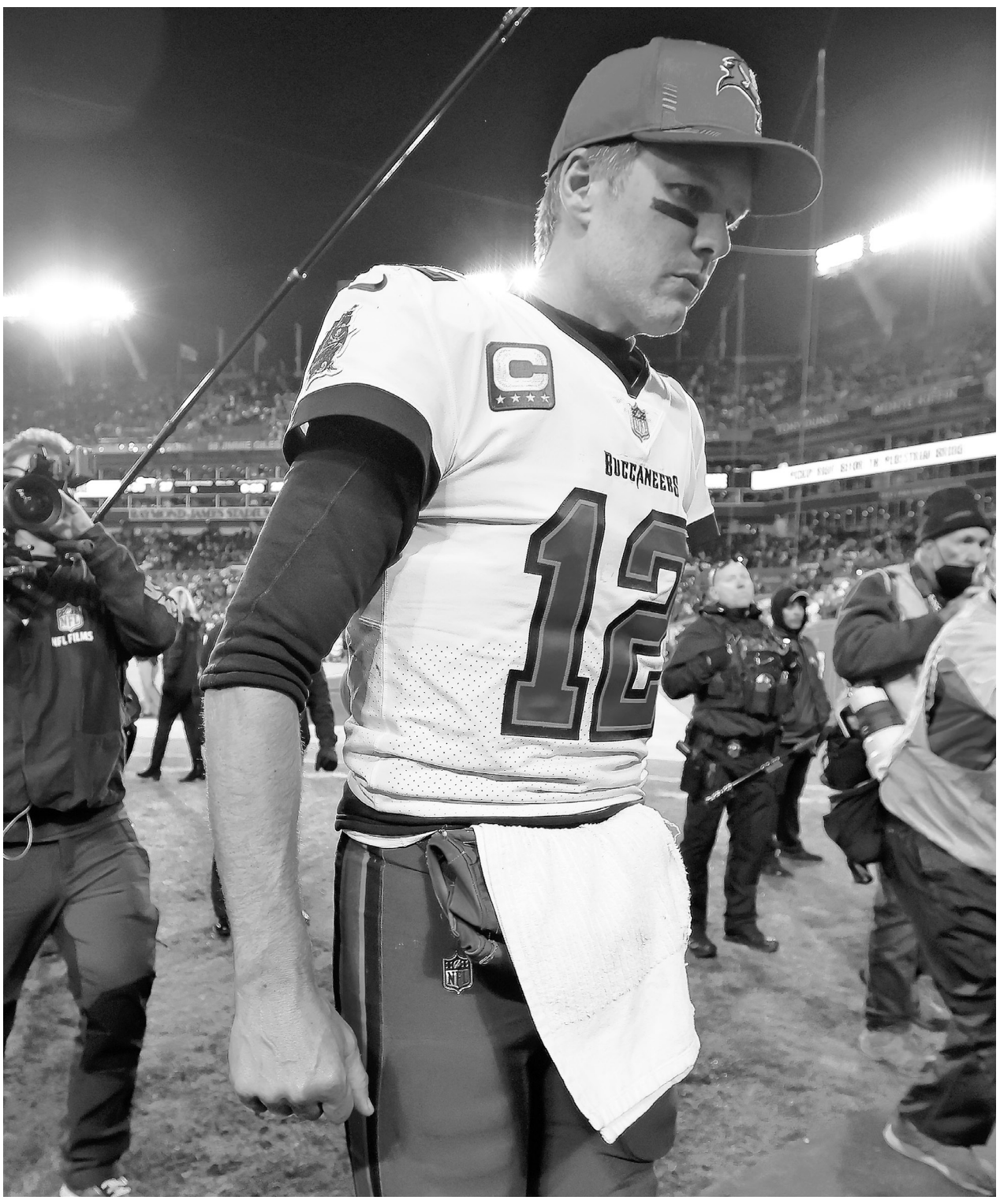
French law opens door for Djokovic



Top-ranked tennis player Novak Djokovic could be allowed to defend his French Open title under the latest COVID-19 rules adopted by the French government, even if he's still not vaccinated when the clay-court Grand Slam starts in May. Djokovic was deported from Australia and barred from playing in the Australian Open this month for not meeting the country's strict COVID-19 vaccination rules. It initially appeared that the Serbian player wouldn't be welcomed at Roland Garros either under a new law intended to exclude the unvaccinated from stadiums, restaurants, bars and other public places. But under the law that took effect Monday, anyone who has proof they tested positive within the previous six months is exempt from having to show proof of vaccination. That suggests Djokovic could play in the French Open in May and June, the next Slam, because he has said he tested positive in mid-December. French Open organizers have previously said it's too early to comment since virus restrictions can change between now and May depending on the virus situation.

Canucks make consequential hire

The Canucks hired former player agent Emilie Castonguay to be assistant general manager, making her the second woman in NHL history to hold that title. Angela Gorgone was promoted to assistant GM of the Ducks in 1996. Jim Rutherford, the Canucks' president of hockey operations and the interim general manager, said Monday in a statement that the 38-year-old Castonguay will play a lead role in player contracts and negotiations and managing the collective bargaining agreement. Rutherford appeared determined to hire a woman as his assistant GM. Among the other candidates were Jennifer Botterill, currently a commentator for Sportsnet; Jayna Hefford, formerly the commissioner of the Canadian Women's Hockey League; and Angela Ruggiero, who was a member of the Executive Board of the International Olympic Committee. Castonguay comes to the Canucks from Momentum Hockey, where she became the first female NHLPA-certified agent in Canada in 2016. She has represented a number of high-level players, including Alexis Lafreniere, who's with the Rangers and was the first overall pick in the 2020 NHL entry draft. Castonguay played four years of hockey at Niagara University. *—News services*



The future is uncertain for Tom Brady, above, and Aaron Rodgers, but the NFL has lots of talented young QBs. **MARK LOMOGLIO/AP**

COMMENTARY

Passing of the torch?

If Brady, Rodgers done, it's clear NFL in good hands

By Tim Dahlberg
Associated Press

Aaron Rodgers seemed tired and uninterested, almost as if working overtime to spread fake science and conspiracy theories was more important to him than getting the Packers to the Super Bowl.

Tom Brady didn't look much better. He was beaten up and aging quickly on the field in Tampa Bay — until suddenly he wasn't.

They both ended up losers on a NFL playoff weekend that might have been the most entertaining ever. And they both left their respective fields unsure of where they will be playing next year — or if they will be playing at all.

Not that it matters all that much. In an epic round of playoff games, the young quarterbacks showed the NFL will be in good hands for years to come.

Patrick Mahomes outdueled Josh Allen and the Bills in a game so good it should have been a Super Bowl by itself. Maybe two.

Joe Burrow won one for the Bengals, proving he is as good as he is brash, and Matthew Stafford is a game away from doing in Los Angeles what he never had a chance to do in Detroit.

Jimmy Garoppolo, meanwhile, never stopped smiling even though he did little except lead the 49ers to a winning field goal in frigid Green Bay.

The old guys? Eh, not so much.

It seemed like the perfect opportunity for Brady to finally acknowledge Father Time and call it quits on a remarkable career, even as he helped lead an improbable fourth quarter Buccaneers rally against the Rams. Brady had his moments, but there were long stretches of the game when it appeared retirement couldn't come soon enough for the greatest quarterback ever.

"I haven't put a lot of thought to it," Brady said afterward, picking his words carefully. "We'll just take it day by day and see what happens."

Rodgers also wasn't going to commit to his future, but he did warn Packers fans they wouldn't see him again if the team was planning to go into a rebuilding mode. He's got a year left on his contract, though you might wonder why the Packers would risk another season of disruption at the hands of a QB who totally disrupted this one.

But who else would want him?

Rodgers is as self-centered and arrogant as star athletes come, convinced perhaps by his stint hosting "Jeopardy!" that he knows answers others can only guess. He had no compulsion during the season pretending he was vaccinated, disrespecting his teammates and putting them and everyone else at Packers headquarters at risk.

The way social media mocked Rodgers' performance in the snow against the 49ers, he doesn't seem to have a lot of people cheering for him.

Those in the Twitterverse suggested Rodgers was silenced by a conspiracy of special teams players. They said he had no shot of winning, and pointed out that this was his first playoff loss in the Moderna era.

They also wondered — just like all of us — if the game plan for the 49ers was as detailed as the 500-plus pages of "research" Rodgers read before making his mind up to roll the dice with a virus that doesn't care how good he is at finding open receivers.

Almost lost in all the drama is the fact is that even though Rodgers is poised to win a second straight MVP trophy he has played in only one Super Bowl in 14 years as a starter for the Packers — and that was 11 long years ago.

Brady is different because Brady is different than any quarterback who came before him. The seven Super Bowl rings will be a record that stands the test of time, and he gave an entire franchise new life when he left the Patriots for the Bucs two seasons ago.

Brady may be hard to warm up to even after all these years, but it's not because he thinks Bill Gates is putting tracking chips into vaccines. He plays on his own terms and reveals little else to fans, but no one can dispute his greatness. Even in an uneven performance Sunday he was still the one player most feared on the opposing sideline as the clock turned to the fourth quarter in Tampa.

If Brady wants to come back for yet another season, the Bucs will welcome him. But on a weekend when young QBs were strutting their stuff, what's to gain from a 23rd season on a field with players who hadn't even been born when he took his first NFL snap?

The Brady era has to end sometime and Sunday felt like it was that time. There really hasn't been a Rodgers era outside of Green Bay, but it's time for that to end, too.

As was clear to anyone watching the wildly entertaining quartet of games, there are plenty of great quarterbacks to take their place.

WINTER OLYMPICS PREVIEWS

Skeleton, luge

Skeleton

MEN'S RACE
There were six different men to win World Cup gold medals this season, but in the last four races one family has dominated. **Martins Dukurs** got all three of his victories in that span and the other went to his brother, **Tomass Dukurs**. Germany's **Axel Jungk** and **Christopher Grotheer** should be in medal contention as well; they finished second and third, respectively, in the World Cup standings.

WOMEN'S RACE
The last World Cup race had sliders from nine countries in the top nine spots, certainly suggesting that plenty of nations will head to the Beijing Games believing they have legit medal hopes. The Netherlands' **Kimberley Bos**, **Elena Nikitina** — who's from Russia, but can't technically race under her nation's flag at these Games because of doping sanctions against the Russians — and Germany's **Tina Hermann** were all two-time winners this season. Austria's **Janine Flock** will be a popular medal pick as well and newcomer **Valentina Margaglio** of Italy had four top-fives in seven World Cup finishes this season.

U.S. STRUGGLES
By any measure, this four-year Olympic cycle was a major disappointment for the U.S. The Americans won two medals in World Cups over those four years, both of them bronze in women's events. The best finish by an American man this season in a World Cup race was an 18th-place showing by **Austin Florian** in the finale at St. Moritz. He didn't make the Olympic team; the lone U.S. men's spot went to **Andrew Blaser**.

Luge

MEN'S SINGLES
King Felix is back, seeking to reclaim his title. **Felix Loch** won Olympic gold in 2010 and 2014 for Germany and was the leader entering the fourth and final run of the 2018 race — then bumped a wall, lost a ton of speed and fell all the way to fifth place. Austria's **David Gleirscher** prevailed, with **Chris Mazdzer** second for the U.S. Loch is back and right there among the top contenders for these games. Fellow German slider **Johannes Ludwig** — a winner by a massive margin in the preseason race at Yanqing — will likely be the favorite, while Latvia's **Kristers Aparjods**, Austria's **Wolfgang Kindl** and Germany's **Max Langerhan** have been consistent for most of the season. Another name to watch: **Dominik Fischnaller** of Italy, always a medal threat.



Chris Mazdzer of the U.S. will look to challenge Germany's Felix Loch in men's singles luge. **GETTY FILE**

WOMEN'S SINGLES
At least two women will break through and reach the Olympic medal stand for the first time, since two-time defending gold medalist **Natalie Geisenberger** of Germany is the only past medalist expected to be in this field. **Dajana Eitberger**, the 2018 silver medalist from Germany, didn't qualify and 2018 bronze medalist **Alex Gough** of Canada retired. A third consecutive gold would only add to Geisenberger's argument as being her sport's greatest ever — no woman has ever gone back-to-back-to-back at the Olympics or won an individual medal in four straight games. There are plenty of contenders: Germany's **Julia Taubitz** and Austria's **Madeleine Egle** have been the most consistent all year, and there's no question that Americans **Summer Britcher** and **Emily Sweeney** can both find their way to the medal stand.

DOUBLES
Again, there's parity and quite possibly a changing of the guard. Germany's **Tobias Wendl** and **Tobias Arlt** are the two-time defending gold medalists, and their countrymen — **Toni Eggert** and **Sascha Benecken** — have won just about everything other than an Olympic title. Eggert and Benecken should be considered the favorites, and they won the preseason event at Yanqing. But Austria's **Thomas Steu** and **Lorenz Koller** and the Latvian brothers team of **Andris** and **Juris Sics** — like Wendl and Arlt — have been medal threats just about every week.

TEAM RELAY
This is where things get interesting, especially for the U.S. The relay is three runs per nation — one from a women's slider, one from a men's slider and then one from a doubles team. The sled waiting at the top of the track can't take off until the sled crossing the finish line slaps a timing pad to start the next leg of the relay. Mazdzer and **Jayson Terdiman** would have anchored the U.S. hopes, but now that task goes to **Zack Di Gregorio** and **Sean Hollander**. The Americans have had success in relays this season, but as always, the U.S. and all other challengers will have to get past the Germans — who have won both Olympic golds since the relay was included in 2014.

— Associated Press

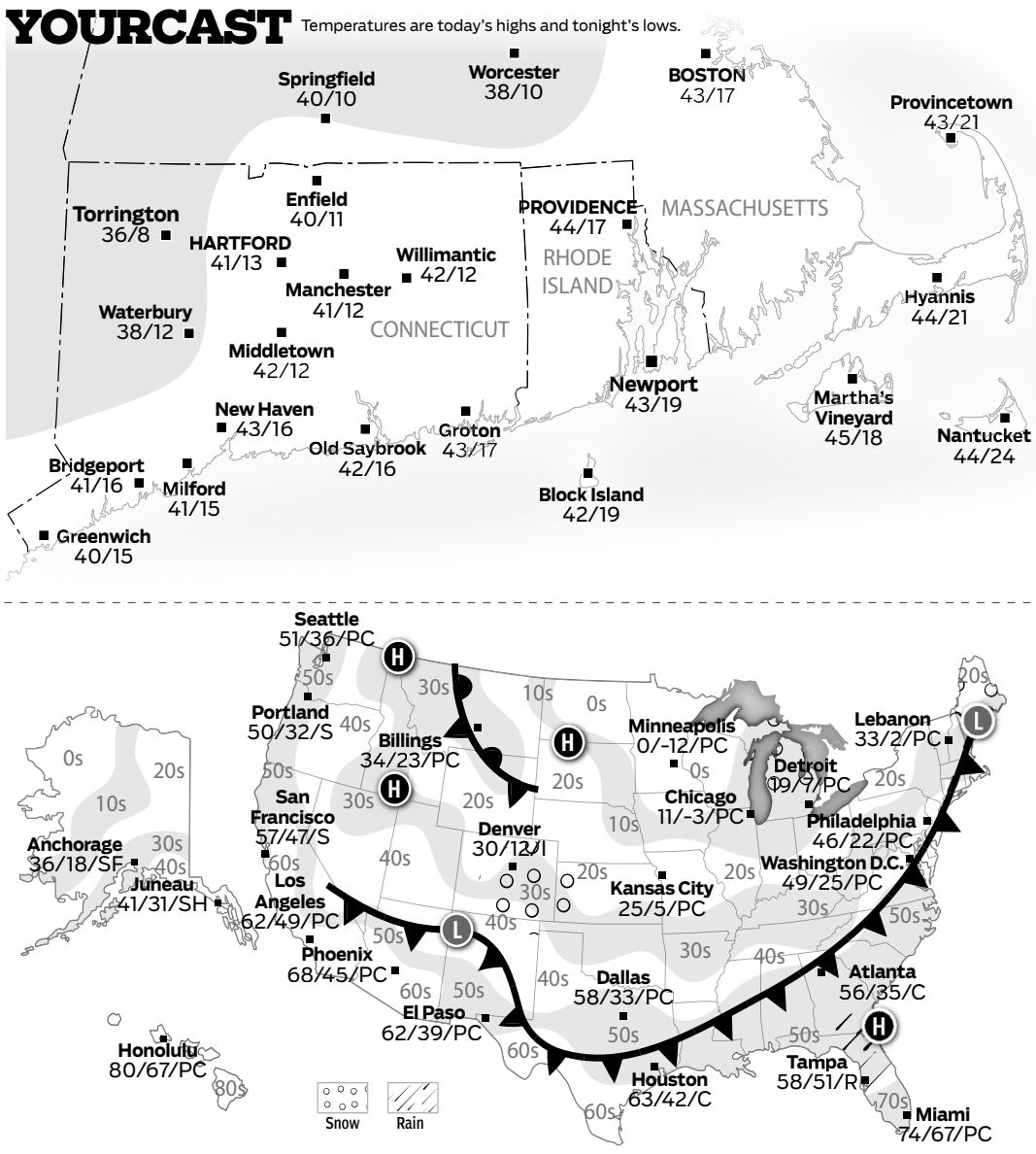
WEATHER

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET
Morning clouds and the chance for snow showers or flurries, becoming partly sunny.	Sunny, breezy and cold.	Mostly sunny and cold.	Mostly cloudy, chance for light snow.	Cloudy with snow, could be heavy, windy.
HIGH 41° LOW 13°	HIGH 22° LOW 2°	HIGH 27° LOW 15°	HIGH 34° LOW 25°	HIGH 29° LOW 11°

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YOURCAST

Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.



OUTLOOK

A weak cold front crossing the state Tuesday morning will cause mostly cloudy skies and the chance for a couple snow showers or flurries. It will become partly sunny for the afternoon. Temperatures will be milder than of late with highs in the mid-30s to the mid-40s. It will turn much colder tonight with lows in the single digits and teens. Wednesday and Thursday will be mostly sunny and cold. Wind chills early Wednesday morning will be zero to five below zero, then they will be in the single digits and teens during the day. A major coastal storm is possible Friday night and Saturday.

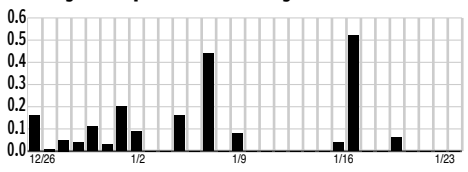
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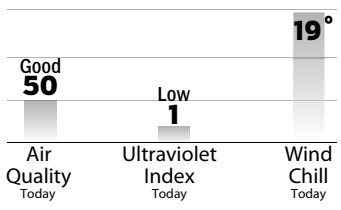
Precipitation In Inches	Total	Normal
Yesterday (by 7 p.m.)	Trace	0.10
Month to date	1.59	2.58
Total this year	1.59	2.58
Snowfall In Inches		
Yesterday (by 4 p.m.)	Trace	0.4
Total this year	10.7	22.9

Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks

30-day Precipitation History In Inches



Air Quality Forecast For Today



	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	7:10 a.m.	7:09 a.m.
Sunset	4:56 p.m.	4:57 p.m.
Moonrise	12:06 a.m.	1:19 a.m.
Moonset	11:07 a.m.	11:37 a.m.

Moon Phase

Last	New	First	Full
Jan 25	Feb 1	Feb 8	Feb 16

Tides	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	2:30 a.m. 2:42 p.m.	9:17 a.m. 9:21 p.m.	42°
Saybrook Jetty	3:41 a.m. 3:53 p.m.	10:10 a.m. 10:14 p.m.	38°
Connecticut River at Portland	6:24 a.m. 6:36 p.m.	1:08 a.m. 1:56 p.m.	
Madison	3:42 a.m. 4:21 p.m.	10:12 a.m. 10:26 p.m.	36°
New Haven	4:12 a.m. 4:41 p.m.	10:36 a.m. 10:50 p.m.	35°
Stamford	4:16 a.m. 4:45 p.m.	10:50 a.m. 11:04 p.m.	37°

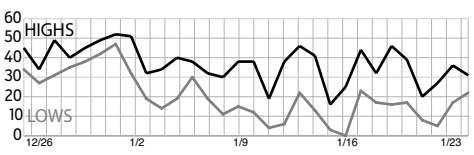
River Stage at Hartford: 3.93 feet at 6:30 p.m.

Boating Weather	L.I. Sound W	L.I. Sound E	B. I. Sound
	PCloudy	Showers	Showers
Wind	W, 10-15	W, 10-15	W, 10-15
Seas	1 ft.	1-3 ft.	3-5 ft.

Temperature	High	Low
Monday	31 at 3:00 p.m	22 at 7:51 a.m
Normal for date	35	18
Record for date	65 in 1967	-19 in 1961
A year ago	28	14
Range this year	52	0

Heating Degree Days	Season	Normal	Last Season
For July 1 - Jan 24	2742	3077	2754

30-day Temperature History



Atmosphere	High	Low
Barometer	29.95 at 10 a.m.	29.78 at 1 a.m.
Dew point	23° at 12 a.m.	11° at 9 a.m.

AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND											
Bangor	32	4	SF	Baltimore	46	18	PC	Nashville	41	18	PC
Burlington	27	-4	C	Bismarck	10	2	S	New Orleans	57	44	SH
Caribou	21	-3	SF	Boise	31	15	S	New York	42	20	PC
Concord	34	3	PC	Buffalo	21	4	C	Okla. City	45	22	PC
Montpelier	26	-6	C	Charleston	64	43	C	Omaha	21	2	PC
Mt. Wash.	9	-14	C	Cincinnati	29	8	PC	Orlando	58	48	R
Portland	38	12	SH	Cleveland	21	6	PC	Pittsburgh	24	7	C
Woods Hole	44	17	SF	Indianapolis	22	4	PC	Raleigh	58	33	PC
NATION				Jacksonville	58	42	SH	St. Louis	27	8	S
Albany	33	6	PC	Las Vegas	63	41	S	Salt Lake City	35	24	PC
Albuquerque	54	33	PC	Miami Beach	74	69	PC	San Antonio	70	45	S
Atlantic City	48	15	C	Milwaukee	10	-2	PC	San Diego	62	51	PC

San Juan	84	72	PC	Budapest	37	30	PC	Kingston	85	70	PC
Tucson	67	40	S	Buenos Aires	83	73	SH	Lisbon	60	44	S
WORLD				Cairo	62	43	S	London	41	33	PC
Amsterdam	42	33	PC	Cancun	85	72	SH	Madrid	54	33	PC
Athens	39	32	SH	Dubai	76	60	S	Mexico City	73	48	S
Bangkok	92	76	S	Dublin	48	41	PC	Milan	46	31	PC
Barbados	78	72	PC	Edinburgh	47	43	PC	Montreal	19	-11	C
Beijing	36	17	PC	Helsinki	29	19	S	Moscow	16	10	C
Beirut	58	49	SH	Hong Kong	68	61	PC	Nassau	75	71	PC
Berlin	42	36	C	Istanbul	33	29	SN	New Delhi	64	48	PC
Bermuda	69	66	SH	Jerusalem	48	37	S	Paris	41	30	PC
				Johannesburg	84	59	PC	Prague	43	35	PC

Rio de Janeiro	87	76	S
Rome	53	31	PC
Seoul	40	23	S
Singapore	91	75	PC
Stockholm	33	26	S
Sydney	80	68	PC
Tel Aviv	58	46	S
Tokyo	51	36	SH
Toronto	21	1	PC
Vancouver	44	34	PC
Warsaw	35	29	SN

KEY: **S** Sunny, **C** Cloudy, **PC** Partly Cloudy, **R** Rain, **SH** Showers, **SN** Snow, **SF** Snow Flurries, **T** T-storms

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MONDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

BOYS BASKETBALL

CCC-South
PLATT 52, PLAINVILLE 44
PLATT (8-3): Nelson Rondon 1-0-3, Juan Dancy 1-0-2, Anthony Damani 7-3-19, Elijah Rodrigues 1-2-4, Mahki Anderson 9-5-24. Totals 19-10-52.
PLAINVILLE (3-9): George James 1-1-3, Brady Wieczorek 1-0-2, Artem Mojica 3-0-6, Brennan Staubley 3-4-13, M.J. Bakaysa 0-1-1, Joe Vasquez 3-6-12, Cam LaMothe 3-1-7. Totals 14-13-44.

PLT	**7**	**13**	**10**	**22 — 52**	
PLN	**10**	**8**	**19**	**7 — 44**	

CCC-Inter
EAST HARTFORD 57, SOUTHINGTON 55
SOUTHINGTON (4-6): Luke Penna 2-0-4, Elijah Whitehead 5-0-12, Ryan Hammarlund 8-4-23, Raysean Epps 4-0-8, Aidan Buck 2-0-5, Ian Beierle 1-1-3. Totals 22-5-55.
EAST HARTFORD (6-5): Chris Lomax 4-2-11, Favour Okeke 10-1-24, Elijah Serrano 1-0-2, Zander Robinson 2-2-7, Chris Brown 1-0-2, Dom Laduca 4-0-11. Totals 22-5-57.

S	**14**	**16**	**17**	**8 — 55**	
EH	**20**	**9**	**18**	**10 — 57**	

Note: Lomax had a double-double with 12 rebounds, 3 steals, 3 blocks and Okeke had 4 rebounds.
FARMINGTON 63, NEW BRITAIN 42
NEW BRITAIN (2-8): Demari Johnson 2-0-5, Jackson Forte 3-3-9, Xavier Goode 2-4-9, Caleb Cardona 1-0-2, Gerard Brown 2-1-6, Alvi Ayika 1-0-2, Stephen Charneco 3-1-7, Dontay Bishop 1-0-2. Totals 15-9-42.
FARMINGTON (8-3): Jordan Anthony 5-0-11, Jahkai Veal 1-1-3, Nico Augustino 1-4-6, Caleb Smith 1-0-2, Chad Rizzo 1-0-3, Jared Young 6-4-17, Nick Duncan 8-5-21. Totals 23-14-63.

NB	**9**	**13**	**12**	**8 — 42**	
F	**18**	**15**	**20**	**10 — 63**	

Note: Veal had 9 assists, 5 steals.
SOUTH WINDSOR 55, ROCKY HILL 37
SOUTH WINDSOR (4-8): Hakim Montgomery 6-7-20, Ben Brochu 4-0-10, Anthony DeCiantis 5-4-14, Colby Carr 2-0-5, Ty Casey 2-0-4, J.P. Dargati 1-0-2. Totals 20-11-55.
ROCKY HILL (0-12): Yazdan Aftab 2-0-4, Luke Castanho 2-0-6, Grant Fishberg 0-1-1, Shiv Ghutadaria 4-0-8, Daniel Lin 1-0-2, Jayden Osei-Tutu 2-0-4, Casey Robinson 1-0-3, Evan Sikorski 2-1-6, Joseph Motes 1-0-3. Totals 15-2-37.

SW	**14**	**8**	**15**	**18 — 55**	
RH	**12**	**7**	**6**	**12 — 37**	

SIMSBURY 46, LEWIS MILLS 35
LEWIS MILLS (3-6): Jon Schibi 1-1-3, Charlie Joiner 3-0-6, Connor McAtee 2-0-5, Colby Cables 1-0-2, Brice Waldron 6-0-14, Logan Cowger 0-1-1, Jack Stanislaw 2-0-4. Totals 15-2-35.
SIMSBURY (9-2): Anthony Simpson 1-0-2, Aidan Riordan 6-9-22, Keenan Willison 1-0-2, Chris Kokines 2-0-4, Alex Pepper 5-0-15, Giovanni Marchetti 0-1-1. Totals 15-10-46.

LM	**7**	**5**	**13**	**10 — 35**	
S	**17**	**10**	**6**	**13 — 46**	

AVON 67, E.O. SMITH 32
AVON (8-4): Jadd Eldah 1-0-2, Isaac Aguilar 6-3-17, Alan Brockman 2-0-4, Cameron Dawiczyk 1-0-2, Parker Jobe 2-1-6, Ryan Heuer 1-0-2, Tyler Brokenshire 6-2-17, Aidan Srb 2-0-5, Aarsh Moza 4-0-8, Nishant Gopalachar 1-0-2, Emmett Borenstein 1-0-2. Totals 27-6-67.
E.O. SMITH (5-6): Jack Sanville 2-0-4, Brendan Raynor 0-1-1, Dar Jankovic 4-6-14, Peter Elumogo 0-1-1, Jordan Sawyer 1-0-2, Leon Lin 3-0-7, Camden Shea 0-1-1, Noah Cordone 0-2-2. Totals 10-11-32.
BLOOMFIELD 86, BRISTOL EASTERN 36
MIDDLETOWN 57, HARTFORD PUBLIC 52
NCCC
STAFFORD 43, EAST WINDSOR 36
CRAL
WEAVER 55, ACHIEVEMENT FIRST 50 (OT)
ACHIEVEMENT FIRST (3-4): Sadiki Darling 2-8-13, David Hinds 6-2-18, Rodrick Pearson 2-3-7, Davon Chambers 0-1-1, Deivone Tanksley 4-0-8, Dontey Tanksley 1-0-3. Totals 15-15-50.
WEAVER (7-3): Damar Artis 5-4-15, Mahari Taylor 1-0-3, Madden Kupe 6-1-13, Nazir Nowlin 4-5-13, Chris Wilson 4-1-9, John Paul Jones 1-0-2. Totals 21-11-55.

AF	**8**	**19**	**11**	**7**	**5 —**	**50**
W	**9**	**10**	**9**	**17**	**10 —**	**55**

Note: Nowlin had a double-double with 12 rebounds, Wilson had 15 rebounds, 5 blocks and Artis had 5 assists, 4 steals.
AEROSPACE 65, CIVIC LEADERSHIP 31
CIVIC LEADERSHIP (2-7): Noah Hicks 5-2-15, Jayden Gist 1-0-2, Donovan Brown 1-0-3, Chris Norton 4-0-9, Cam Morle 1-0-2. Totals 12-2-31.
AEROSPACE (4-6): Alex Small 6-0-12, Kooper Ashmore 3-2-9, Justin Smith 4-0-8, Kevin Clarke 10-2-22, Cayden Ortiz 2-0-4, Julian Santiago 1-0-2, Justin Joiner 3-0-6, Carl Johnson 1-0-2. Totals 30-4-65.

CL	**5**	**12**	**7**	**7 —**	**31**	
A	**21**	**18**	**20**	**6 —**	**65**	

CAPITAL PREP 95, UNIVERSITY 50
INNOVATION 67, PARISH HILL 59
SCC
SHEEHAN 65, FORAN 59
Others
HALE-RAY 67, GRASSO TECH 44

GIRLS BASKETBALL

CCC-Inter
SOUTH WINDSOR 55, HARTFORD PUBLIC 38
SOUTH WINDSOR (3-7): Anna Matus 1-2-4, Lexie Wheeler 4-0-12, Kaitlyn Bullock 1-0-2, Anna Kim 1-0-3, Olivia Petgrave 2-0-4, Reagan Heafey-DeAngelis 3-0-9, Maria Galley 9-2-21. Totals 21-4-55.
HARTFORD PUBLIC (4-8): Ty Mercado 4-1-12, Gigi Perry 2-1-5, Mari Figueroa 3-1-7, T'Shyra Morrison 4-4-14, Tiffany Crawford 0-0-0. Totals 13-7-38.

SW	**15**	**13**	**25**	**2 —**	**55**
HP	**4**	**12**	**12**	**10 —**	**38**

RHAM 57, PLAINVILLE 30
PLAINVILLE (1-10): Lilly Wazorko 1-0-2, Cookie Montonez 3-1-7, Elyse Brown 3-3-10, Marissa Miller 2-0-5, Sami Thompson 2-2-6. Totals 11-6-30.
RHAM (11-1): Marina McLaughlin 2-1-5, Maddy Evans 3-1-10, Sarah West 6-4-17, Ally Deckman 1-0-3, Ailish Kleinhen 1-2-5, Maddie Graves 1-0-2, Grace Whitmore 3-0-9, Addison Brown 3-0-6. Totals 20-8-57.

P	**5**	**8**	**7**	**10 —**	**30**
R	**16**	**8**	**19**	**14 —**	**57**

SOUTHINGTON 53, LEWIS MILLS 36
SOUTHINGTON (11-0): Allison Mikosz 4-2-12, Gabby Dangelo 4-0-9, Ciara Sockwell 1-2-4, Bethany Borges 1-1-3, Lily Cooper 5-3-15, Hailey Zembrzuski 4-1-10. Totals 19-9-53.
LEWIS MILLS (5-7): Lauren Searle 1-0-2, Jordan Anderson 5-1-15, Kiana Bolleyer 1-0-2, Lillian Martineau 3-2-8, Abby Jankoski 1-2-4, Sami Nestor 1-0-2, Maggie Lagana 1-0-3. Totals 13-5-36.

S	**9**	**23**	**16**	**5 —**	**53**
LM	**7**	**13**	**6**	**10 —**	**36**

NCCC
BOLTON 45, WINDSOR LOCKS 22
WINDSOR LOCKS (6-4): Alana Picard 2-0-6, Maeve McGinnis 1-0-2, Angelina Jones 0-1-1, Carly MacDougald 1-0-3, Tristin Oberg 2-3-7, Jasmine Hurdle 1-0-3. Totals 7-4-22.
BOLTON (5-2): Emma Diehl 6-0-14, Niya Islam 4-0-11, Isabel Kenney 4-0-9, Allie Buonomano 1-1-3, Julia Zimmerman 4-0-8. Totals 19-1-45.

WL	**11**	**6**	**1**	**4 —**	**22**
B	**9**	**14**	**12**	**10 —**	**45**

Note: Diehl had a double-double with 10 steals, Zimmerman had 8 rebounds and Makenna Graves had 14 rebounds for Bolton.
STAFFORD 60, SMSA 17
GRANBY 41, ELLINGTON 36
CTC
GOODWIN TECH 40, O'BRIEN TECH 35
GOODWIN TECH (7-5): Avalise Hernandez 4-2-12, Tomoya Bennett 2-0-5, Ericka Aponte 6-1-13, Megan Lukaszewski 3-2-8, Dezaraya Trusty 1-0-2. Totals 16-5-40.
O'BRIEN TECH (5-5): Marley Orosz 2-0-4, Navoni Harris 3-0-9, Contessa Davis 1-1-3, Gianni Gomez 2-0-5, Stephanie Tamburrino 4-2-11, Amaya DeVillegas 1-1-3. Totals 13-4-35.

GT	**13**	**8**	**5**	**14 —**	**40**
OT	**2**	**11**	**5**	**17 —**	**35**

Note: Aponte had a double-double with 10 rebounds, 4 blocks.
CRAL
PARISH HILL 57, INNOVATION 22
INNOVATION (0-10): Karina Falcon 5-0-10, Te'ijah Roberts 5-0-10, Tamara Lopez 1-0-2. Totals 11-0-22.
PARISH HILL (9-3): Kristie Zator 13-5-31, Grace Quinn 5-0-13, Ashlyn Kemp 2-0-5 Kaelyn Pearl 1-0-2, Brooke Provost-Spickler 1-0-2, Hannah Becker 1-0-2, Lexi Smardon 1-0-2. Totals 24-5-57.

I	**4**	**2**	**8**	**8 —**	**22**
PH	**19**	**6**	**16**	**16 —**	**57**

Note: Zator had a double-double with 12 rebounds and Kemp had 12 assists.
CIVIC LEADERSHIP 33, WEAVER 32
WEAVER (6-5): Enaijha Gilbert 2-3-8, Takyra Allerdyce 5-2-12, Nicole Linares 2-1-5, Kellisa Facey 1-0-2, Angie Solomon 2-0-4, Analis Velez 0-1-1. Totals 12-7-32.
CIVIC LEADERSHIP (8-4): Gabby Tinsley 5-0-10, Faith Ramos 1-0-2, Gio Shaw 1-0-2, Shaniqua Thomas 6-1-15, Ariell Cuyler 1-0-3. Totals 13-1-33.
Others
PLATT 46, WILCOX TECH 25
WILCOX TECH (4-7): Tatiana Robles 4-1-12, Aryanna Pfaff 1-0-3, Aliah Biro 2-1-5, Grace Speeg 1-0-3, Chloe Enger 0-1-1, Zulal Kangal 0-1-1. Totals 8-4-25.
PLATT (8-5): Vianna Alcantara 4-0-10, Kaylani Cruz 6-0-14, Alishah Sanders 1-0-2, Sammia Ortiz 1-0-3, Zaria Calloway 0-2-2, Khrystina Campbell 3-0-6, Antwanette Tann 4-1-9. Totals 19-3-46.

WT	**8**	**3**	**6**	**8 —**	**25**
P	**15**	**7**	**12**	**12 —**	**46**

ROCKY HILL 57, WHITNEY TECH 8
ROCKY HILL (7-5): Abigail Boutin 2-0-4, Nicole Polites 3-1-7, Alyssa Gau 5-0-10, Kate Oostendorp 3-0-6, Mia Mascaro 1-0-2, Faith Beliveau 1-0-2, Maleena Muzio 4-1-9, Christina DeNovellis 4-6-14, Christina Garcia 1-1-3. Totals 24-9-57.
WHITNEY TECH (0-8): Lyons 1-0-2, Barnhill 3-0-6, Crooks 0-0-0, Hernandez 0-0-0, Vargas 0-0-0. Totals 4-0-8.

BOYS HOCKEY

Others
SGWL 3, EAST CATHOLIC 2

BOYS SWIMMING

Others
SOUTHINGTON 98, HAMDEN 87
Note: Peter Zalewski (200 IM/100 back), Matt Niro (50/100 free) and Landon Colby (100/fly/100 breast) were all double winners for Southington.

TUESDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

* All games at 6:45 p.m. unless noted

BOYS BASKETBALL

CCC-East: Tolland at East Catholic
CCC-West: Conard at Hall
CCC-Inter: Enfield at Bristol Central; Manchester at Northwest Catholic; Newington at Maloney
NCCC: Suffield at Coventry, 5:30 p.m.; Somers at East Windsor, 6:30 p.m.; Bolton at HMTCA; Windsor Locks at Canton; Stafford at East Granby; SMSA at Ellington; Rockville at Granby
Shoreline: Westbrook at Morgan, 7 p.m.; Cromwell at Old Lyme, 7 p.m.; Portland at Haddam-Killingworth, 7 p.m.; Coginchaug at North Branford, 7 p.m.; East Hampton at Old Saybrook, 7 p.m.; Valley Regional at Hale-Ray, 7 p.m.
CTC: Goodwin Tech at Prince Tech, 6 p.m.; Vinal Tech at Bullard-Havens, 6 p.m.; Windham Tech at Cheney Tech, 6:30 p.m.; Wilcox Tech at Wolcott Tech, 7 p.m.
CRAL: Classical at University, 7:15 p.m.
SCC: Hand at Amity, 7 p.m.; Guilford at Xavier, 7 p.m.; Lyman Hall at Cheshire, 7 p.m.
ECC: Fitch at Bacon Academy, 7 p.m.; Windham at Tourtellotte, 7 p.m.
NVL: St. Paul at Crosby, 7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

CCC-South: Berlin at Bristol Eastern; Maloney at Platt
CCC-West: Avon at Farmington; Hall at Conard
CCC-Inter: Bloomfield at Manchester, 5:15 p.m.; East Catholic at Newington, 5:30 p.m.; Glastonbury at E.O. Smith; Bristol Central at Tolland; East Hartford at Windsor; Simsbury at Middletown; Northwest Catholic at Wethersfield
NCCC: Ellington at SMSA, 5:15 p.m.; East Granby at Stafford, 5:30 p.m.; HMTCA at Bolton, 6 p.m.; Granby at Rockville; Canton at Windsor Locks; Coventry at Suffield, 7 p.m.
Shoreline: Morgan at Westbrook, 5:30 p.m.; Haddam-Killingworth at Portland, 5:45 p.m.; Hale-Ray at Valley Regional, 6 p.m.; Old Saybrook at East Hampton, 7 p.m.; North Branford at Coginchaug, 7 p.m.; Old Lyme at Cromwell, 7 p.m.
CTC: Prince Tech at Goodwin Tech, 4 p.m.; Cheney Tech at Windham Tech, 5:30 p.m.; Wolcott Tech at Wilcox Tech, 6 p.m.
CRAL: MLC at Capital Prep, 4 p.m.; Civic Leadership at Achievement First, 4:30 p.m.; Aerospace at Classical, 5:30 p.m.
SCC: Branford at Lyman Hall, 7 p.m.; Lauralton Hall at Hand, 7 p.m.; Cheshire at Mercy, 7 p.m.; East Haven at Sheehan, 7 p.m.
ECC: Bacon Academy at Fitch, 6 p.m.; Wheeler at Windham, 7 p.m.
NVL: Crosby at St. Paul, 7 p.m.

GIRLS HOCKEY

CCC: Avon co-op at Suffield co-op, 7:50 p.m.
Others: Conard/Hall at West Haven/SHA, 5:15 p.m.

BOYS SWIMMING

CCC-North: Avon at Rocky Hill, 3:45 p.m.; Newington at Hartford Public, 4 p.m.; E.O. Smith/Tolland at Wethersfield, 5 p.m.
CCC-South: Bristol co-op at Platt/Maloney, 3:45 p.m.; Berlin at Middletown, 4 p.m.
CCC-East: East Catholic at South Windsor, 3:45 p.m.; Glastonbury at Enfield, 3:45 p.m.; East Hartford at Windsor, 4 p.m.
CCC-Inter: Bulkeley/HMTCA at Lewis Mills, 3:45 p.m.
Others: Suffield/Ellington at Plainville, 4 p.m.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

CCC: Southington at Wethersfield, 5 p.m.
SCC: Law at Hand, 6 p.m.

